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REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

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1 In pursuance of the Maritime Safety Committee's instruction to the Secretariat to issue monthly reports of all incidents of piracy¹ and armed robbery against ships² reported to the Organization, the annex hereto provides, in the tabulated format agreed by the Committee, the summary of reports on incidents received between 1 and 28 February 2013 including a distinction between acts of piracy and acts of armed robbery against ships (annex 1) and attempted attacks (annex 2). The Secretariat has, since July 2002, classified separately any reported incidents of piracy and armed robbery **at sea** (international or territorial waters) vis-à-vis acts of armed robbery allegedly **committed in port areas**, as well as **attempted** acts of armed robbery.

2 Further, and as instructed by the Committee (MSC 89/25 paragraphs 18.9 and 18.10), the Secretariat has opened a "piracy and armed robbery" module on the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) (<http://gis.imo.org>) in order to improve the timeliness

¹ "Piracy" is defined in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) (article 101) as follows:

"Piracy consists of any of the following acts:

- (a) any illegal acts of violence or detention, or any act of depredation, committed for private ends by the crew or the passengers of a private ship or a private aircraft, and directed:
 - (i) on the high seas, against another ship or aircraft, or against persons or property on board such ship or aircraft;
 - (ii) against a ship, aircraft, persons or property in a place outside the jurisdiction of any State;
- (b) any act of voluntary participation in the operation of a ship or of an aircraft with knowledge of facts making it a pirate ship or aircraft;
- (c) any act inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described in subparagraph (a) or (b)."

² "Armed robbery against ships" is defined in the Code of Practice for the Investigation of the Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships (resolution A.1025(26), annex, paragraph 2.2), as follows:

"Armed robbery against ships means any of the following acts:

- (a) any illegal act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of piracy, committed for private ends and directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such a ship, within a State's internal waters, archipelagic waters and territorial sea;
- (b) any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described above."

of reporting of incidents and to enable users to generate their own search criteria and produce customizable reports. This database is now configured for public, read-only access and is searchable. Reports can be compiled in GISIS directly by Member States and registered public users. These reports can now include follow-up information, for example, dates of release of hijacked ships.

3 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 6,622, an increase of 29 since 31 January 2013.

4 Previous incidents reported to the Organization since the fifty-ninth session of the Committee have been circulated by various MSC circulars, those issued during the previous twelve months and up to 31 January 2013 being MSC.4/Circ.182, MSC.4/Circ.183, MSC.4/Circ.184, MSC.4/Circ.185, MSC.4/Circ.186, MSC.4/Circ.187, MSC.4/Circ.188, MSC.4/Circ.189, MSC.4/Circ.190, MSC.4/Circ.191, MSC.4/Circ.192 and MSC.4/Circ.194.

ANNEX 1
Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly committed against ships reported by
Member States or international organizations in consultative status

N°	Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number	Date Time	Position of the incident*	Details of the incident	Consequences for crew, ship, cargo	Action taken by the master and the crew	Was the incident reported to the coastal authority? Which one?	Reporting State or international organization	MSC.4/Circ.195 ANNEX Coastal State Action Taken
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS									
1	GASCOGNE Tanker Luxembourg 4730 9299161	03/02/2013 06:59 LT	WEST AFRICA 70 NM south of Abidjan Côte d'Ivoire 04° 07.38' N 003° 54.42' W	Twelve heavily armed pirates with guns boarded and hijacked the tanker underway. They sailed the vessel to Nigeria and stole the oil cargo and the crew's/vessel's valuables. On 05.02.2013 the vessel and her 17 crew members were released. Two crew members were injured. The vessel proceeded to a safe port.	Pirates hijacked the tanker and took hostage 17 crew members. Two crew members were injured during the captivity. Pirates stole the oil cargo and the crew's/vessel's valuables.	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, PRC relayed message to RCC Ivory Coast, RCC Ghana, RCC Togo, RCC Cotonou, RCC Lagos, Navy.	-
2	ARMADAS TUGAS 1 Supply ship Liberia 499 9293181	07/02/2013 07:00 LT	WEST AFRICA 40nm SSW of Brass Terminal, Nigeria Nigeria 03° 40.48' N 005° 53.12' E	Around 17 pirates armed with AK47 rifles attacked, boarded and hijacked an offshore supply vessel underway and tried to use it as a mother vessel. The vessel was released on 11.02.2013 with no injury to crew. Ship stores and equipment were stolen and some communication equipment was damaged.	Hijacked the vessel, 11 crew members taken hostage, ship's stores and equipment were stolen	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	ESTHER C General cargo ship United Kingdom 5629 9410076	07/02/2013 21:25 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 96nm SSW of Brass, Nigeria Nigeria 02° 47.00' N 005° 48.00' E	Pirates attacked and boarded the ship underway. They stole crew and ship's property and escaped. Further details awaited.	Ship's and crew properties stolen	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	WALVIS 7 Supply ship Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 1070 8211021	10/02/2013 18:30 LT	WEST AFRICA Around 45nm off Bonny River, Nigeria Nigeria 03° 33.55' N 006° 35.39' E	Twelve heavily armed pirates approached, fired on and boarded an offshore supply vessel underway. Alarm raised and most of the crew retreated into the citadel. The pirates caught and kidnapped the C/Engr and Master and escaped with ship's and crew cash and personal effects.	-	Pirates kidnapped the Master and Chief Engineer and stole the ship's and crew cash and personal effects	Yes Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	The authorities commenced search and rescue operations
5	APL BAHRAIN Container ship Liberia 40741 9395927	18/02/2013 23:10 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA 52nm West of Pulau Penjantan, Indonesia Indonesia 00° 08.90' N 106° 18.90' E	OOW onboard a container ship underway noticed two masked pirates on the bridge wing attempting to enter the bridge. Alarm raised and crew mustered on bridge. The pirates could not enter the locked bridge and escaped upon seeing the crew alertness.	-	Alarm raised and crew mustered	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	GAS MARATHON Gas carrier - non-specified Marshall Islands 5767 9116230	01/02/2013 05:30 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Anchored at Vung Tau, Viet Nam anchorage Viet Nam 10° 22.79' N 107° 02.04' E	The duty/patrol A/B noticed a speed boat with 4 persons onboard approaching the vessel. The A/B noticed 3 men, armed with knives trying to board from the Poop Deck. As all entrances to the accommodation were properly locked, the boarded men did not manage to enter the accommodation and, at 0600 hrs LT they were seen jumping overboard, back to the boat. After the speed boat had gone, crew conducted a thorough search of the vessel and found 2 drums of lube oil that were stowed on the portside of the Poop Deck missing.	-	The A/B informed the Duty Officer (C/O) on the bridge immediately via VHF and the Duty Officer instructed the A/B to go inside the accommodation and lock all entrance doors. The Duty Officer (C/O) informed the Master/SSO immediately, activated ship's alarm, activated the SSAS and sounded the whistle. All crew mustered in the crew mess room	Yes Vung Tau VTS	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	3 PSC Officers boarded the vessel to carry out an investigation of the incident
2	ARMADA TUAH 101 Supply ship Malaysia 2147 9387293	17/02/2013 07:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Around 39nm SW of the Coast, Nigeria Nigeria 03° 57.40' N 005° 20.80' E	An offshore tug was attacked and boarded by robbers. Further details awaited.	-	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	STOLT RINDO Chemical tanker Panama 6944 9314765	27/02/2013	SOUTH CHINA SEA Dumai Quarantine Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 42.19' N 101° 29.11' E	An anchored tanker was boarded by robbers who stole engine spares and escaped unnoticed. The incident was discovered by a crew member who noticed the broken lock and missing spares.	Engine spares stolen	Raised alarm	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN PORT AREA

1	PYXIS DELTA Chemical tanker Marshall Islands 29348 9314909	04/02/2013 00:24 UTC	WEST AFRICA Lagos Anchorage Nigeria 06° 19.16' N 003° 24.57' E	Armed persons with guns approached and fired upon an anchored tanker carrying out STS operations. The response of the onboard naval security team resulted in the armed persons moving away. One crew member died during the medical evacuation due to an injury sustained during the firing.	Robbers fired on the tanker. One crew member died due to the firing	The Master raised the alarm, non-essential crew members mustered in the citadel and the onboard naval security team took preventive measures	Yes Nigerian Navy	Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur; PRC relayed message to MRCC Nigeria & Nigerian Navy	-
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2	WEHR BLANKENESE Container ship Marshall Islands 16117 9149902	04/02/2013 20:15 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Port of Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam Viet Nam 10° 47.38' N 106° 43.29' E	Most likely, a small boat was alongside on port side bow during dark evening hours to receive the drums. It is assumed that local watchmen and/or stevedores on board were involved in this action. During the assumed time, the crew were involved in cargo operators at bay 14 and 18 as well as gangway watch on starboard side. The entrance to paint store is located at bay 3 close to bay 6 on port side. The padlock was found broken.	14 drums of paint stolen	A meeting with all crew members, where the incident was described, took place on 05.02.2013 at 10:00 lt. Deck officers were asked to organize patrols about every half hour during cargo operations in any port. Boson received order to weld a metallic protection (case) for the lockers of all stores, in order to make it harder to break a locker.	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	INCE INEBOLU Bulk carrier Turkey 30011 9254472	06/02/2013 02:45 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Adang Bay Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 41.80' S 116° 38.60' E	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the anchored bulk carrier via the anchor chain. They attacked the duty crew on the forecastle, who managed to escape and raise the alarm. All crew mustered and proceeded forward. Seeing the alert crew the robbers jumped overboard and escaped in their boat. On investigation it was discovered ship's stores were stolen from the forecastle store.	Robbers boarded the vessel, assaulted duty crew and stole ship's stores	Raised the alarm and mustered all crew	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	STARGATE Bulk carrier Liberia 17025 9493212	12/02/2013 01:50 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Dumai Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 42.36' N 101° 27.27' E	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded the anchored bulk carrier using a rope and a hook attached to a long pole. Duty officer noticed the robbers and raised the alarm, sounded the ship's whistle and informed the local authorities. The robbers escaped empty-handed upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew.	-	Raised alarm, sounded ship's whistle, crew alerted.	Yes Local authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	TORM GARONNE Chemical tanker Denmark 23246 9288930	12/02/2013 05:40 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Balikpapan Inner Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 17.09' S 116° 47.73' E	Robbers boarded the tanker at anchor. On sighting the robbers, the Master raised alarm and crew mustered. Robbers escaped with ship's stores.	Stole ship's stores	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Pilot station	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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6	FORWARD FORTUNE Tanker Panama 59158 9317717	13/02/2013 04:40 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Nipah Anchorage, Singapore Straits Singapore 01° 06.50' N 103° 36.20' E	Robbers boarded the tanker carrying out STS transfer operations and stole engine spares. They escaped when crew spotted them and raised the alarm. Port authorities informed.	Stole engine spares	Raised the alarm	Yes Port authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	ATLANTIC LATVIA Chemical tanker Liberia 23740 9222168	14/02/2013 01:00 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Cochin Anchorage, India India 09° 54.00' N 076° 08.00' E	Three robbers boarded the anchored tanker. Alert duty officer noticed movement on the forecastle deck and raised the alarm. On hearing the alarm and seeing crew alertness the robbers were seen jumping overboard. Upon investigation it was discovered that ship's stores were stolen.	Robbers stole ship's stores	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	SELMA Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 14619 9057159	14/02/2013 23:40 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Haiphong Anchorage, Viet Nam Viet Nam 20° 37.25' N 106° 51.82' E	Robbers boarded the anchored ship via the anchor chain after breaking the locks on the hawse-pipe cover. They broke into the forepeak store, stole the ship's stores and escaped unnoticed.	Robbers stole the ship's stores	Alerted all crew	Yes Local authorities via agent	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (China)	-
9	KIRAN AMERICA Bulk carrier Malta 33044 9491264	15/02/2013 02:10 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh Bangladesh 22° 15.00' N 091° 42.00' E	Robbers armed with long knives boarded the anchored ship via the anchor chain. Alert duty A/B noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. The robbers threatened the A/B with the knives and then escaped without stealing anything.	Robbers boarded the ship and threatened the duty AB	Raised alarm and crew alerted	Yes Local authorities via agent	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
10	AFRICAN JOY Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 15932 9132650	17/02/2013 06:15 LT	WEST AFRICA Berth No. 2, Apapa, Lagos, Nigeria Nigeria 06° 27.00' N 003° 23.00' E	Robbers in a wooden boat approached the berthed bulk carrier. One robber boarded the ship, broke into the forward store and stole ship's stores. Duty crew noticed the robbery and raised the alarm. The robber escaped with the stolen stores.	Stole the ship's stores	Raised the alarm	Yes Terminal PFSO through agents	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
11	STAR OSPREY Chemical tanker Panama 30068 9315068	18/02/2013 03:15 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Dumai Inner Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 42.30' N 101° 27.00' E	Two robbers armed with long knives boarded the anchored chemical tanker using a portable ladder. Duty A/B noticed the robbers and informed the OOW who raised the alarm, sounded ship's whistle and informed port control. The robbers immediately jumped overboard and escaped empty handed upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness.	-	Raised alarm, sounded the ship's whistle	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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12	JASMINE EXPRESS Product tanker Hong Kong, China 26909 9288370	18/02/2013 04:00 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Anchorage 'C', Bangladesh Bangladesh 22° 11.10' N 091° 46.00' E	After STS discharge operations, the crew on the anchored product tanker while awaiting for further instructions discovered that two STS mooring ropes were stolen. Coast Guard informed.	Robbers boarded and stole Ship's properties	-	Yes Bangladesh Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Bangladesh Coast Guard acknowledged the incident and noted the details
13	CS SOLARIS Bulk carrier Bahamas 16963 9252058	20/02/2013 00:48 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Gresik Area, Surabaya, Indonesia Indonesia 07° 09.00' S 112° 40.00' E	A bulk carrier under pilotage and awaiting berthing was boarded by robbers who stole ship's stores and escaped unnoticed. Incident reported to pilot onboard who in turn reported to port control.	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and a search was carried out	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
14	ESHIPS PRELUDE Chemical tanker Marshall Islands 5770 9272723	20/02/2013 06:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Balikpapan Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 01° 23.30' S 116° 56.50' E	Master onboard the anchored tanker carrying out bunkering operation saw two robbers on the forecastle deck with long swords stealing the mooring ropes. He raised the alarm and mustered the crew. Seeing crew alertness the robbers jumped overboard and escaped.	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Pilot Station	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
15	RED RUM LPG tanker Singapore 42341 9012886	20/02/2013 21:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Teluk Semangka Anchorage, Indonesia Indonesia 05° 34.00' S 104° 35.00' E	Engine room stores were robbed from a LPG tanker carrying out STS transfer operations. The robbery was discovered on sailing.	Ship's stores were stolen	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-
16	FORTUNATO LPG tanker Singapore 7732 9347736	24/02/2013 23:45	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Cartagena 'A' Anchorage, Colombia Colombia 10° 18.13' N 075° 31.16' W	Four robbers boarded an anchored tanker via the anchor chain and hawse pipe. The robbers caught and tied up the duty A/B who had sighted and shouted at them. The robbers broke into the forecastle store and escaped with ship's property.	Ship's property stolen	-	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
17	OVERSEAS AMBERMAR Tanker Marshall Islands 23680 9231626	27/02/2013 03:20 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Talara Anchorage, Peru Peru	Two robbers in a small motorised boat attempted to board an anchored tanker via the anchor chain. Alert duty crew noticed the robbers and informed the duty officer who raised the alarm and sounded ship's whistle. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers aborted the attempt and moved away.	-	Raised the alarm, sounded ship's whistle and crew mustered	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	SAFMARINE SAHEL General cargo ship Hong Kong, China 14859 9539365	11/02/2013 06:35 LT	WEST AFRICA South of Coastline, Nigeria Nigeria	A general cargo ship underway noticed a speed boat approaching on its port side. The vessel increased speed and made evasive manoeuvres. The speed boat came alongside and pirates attempted to board. Due to the anti piracy measures enforced the pirates aborted attempt and moved away. Weapons were fired at the vessel. The crew and vessel are safe and proceeded to a safe port.	Pirates fired on the vessel	Increased speed, made evasive manoeuvres	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)	-
2	ALBA STAR General cargo ship Panama 5922 8507561	18/02/2013 16:45 UTC	EAST AFRICA Around 150nm ESE of Eyl, Somalia Somalia 07° 14.04' N 052° 17.20' E	Two white speed boats approached and fired on the general cargo ship underway. Onboard armed security returned fire resulting in the skiffs moving away.	Pirates fired on the ship	Armed security team onboard returned fire	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	KOTA BAHAGIA General cargo ship Singapore 18189 9593672	22/02/2013 18:00	WEST AFRICA Around 31nm SSW of Brass, Nigeria Nigeria 03° 51.00' N 005° 57.00' E	About six pirates armed with automatic rifles in a skiff launched from a mother vessel chased and fired upon a general cargo ship underway. Master raised alarm, activated anti piracy preventive measures, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and non essential crew took shelter in the citadel. The pirates attempted to board the ship several times and then aborted the attempt due to the hardening measures taken by the ship. No injuries to crew but the ship sustained some damage due to the firing.	Pirates fired upon the ship causing some damages due to the firing	Master raised alarm, activated anti piracy preventive measures, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and non essential crew took shelter in the citadel	Yes MRCC Nigeria	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	ALAM BAKTI Oil tanker Singapore 28822 9275983	25/02/2013 21:18 LT	PERSIAN GULF Approaching TSS Tonb-Forur, North of Jazireh - Ye Forur Island, Iran Iran (Islamic Republic of) 26° 22.60' N 055° 31.10' E	While underway, the ship was pursued by three suspected pirate skiffs for about 40 mins and closed in within 50 metres from the vessel. Master mustered the crew in the citadel and increased the vessel's speed, in accordance with guidelines in BMP4. At around 2200hrs (local time), the pirates eventually abandoned their pursuit of ALAM BAKTI due to the evasive manoeuvres undertaken by the vessel.	No crew was injured. No damage to the ship and no items were taken	The Master mustered the crew in the citadel and increased the vessel's speed.	Yes UKMTO	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-
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IN PORT AREA

1	FAIRCHEM STALLION Chemical tanker Panama 11628 9291456	02/02/2013 04:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Belawan Anchorage, Indonesia 03° 55.60' N 098° 48.60' E	Six robbers armed with knives in a wooden motor boat approached the anchored tanker. One of the robbers attempted to board the tanker by hooking a ladder near the mid ship manifold area. Alert duty crew spotted the robbers and informed the OOW who raised the alarm, sounded ship's whistle and crew mustered. On hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers aborted the attempted boarding and moved away.	-	Raised the alarm, sounded the ship's whistle and crew mustered	Yes Local authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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