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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 and, in addition, to issue, on a quarterly basis, composite reports accompanied by an analysis, on a regional basis, of the situation and an indication whether the frequency of incidents is increasing or decreasing and advising of any new feature or pattern of significance, the annex hereto provides, in the tabulated format agreed by the Committee, the summary of reports on incidents received between 31 December 2008 and 31 January 2009, including a distinction between acts of piracy and acts of armed robbery against ships (annex 1) and attempted attacks (annex 2). Further and as instructed by the Committee (MSC 75/24, paragraph 18.41), the Secretariat has, since July 2002, started classifying 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 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 4,851, an increase of 30 since 31 December 2008.

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 sub-paragraph (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.922(22), Annex, paragraph 2.2), as follows:

"Armed robbery against ships means any unlawful act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of "piracy", directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such ship, within a State's jurisdiction over such offences."

3 Previous incidents reported to the Organization since the fifty-ninth session of the Committee have been circulated by various MSC circulars, those issued (on an annual, quarterly and monthly basis) during the previous twelve months and up to December 2008 being MSC.4/Circ.113, MSC.4/Circ.114, MSC.4/Circ.115, MSC.4/Circ.116, MSC.4/Circ.117, MSC.4/Circ.118, MSC.4/Circ.119, MSC.4/Circ.120, MSC.4/Circ.121, MSC.4/Circ.122, MSC.4/Circ.124, MSC.4/Circ.125, MSC.4/Circ.126, MSC.4/Circ.127, MSC.4/Circ.128, and MSC.4/Circ.129.

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.130 ANNEX 1 Coastal State Action Taken
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	LONGCHAMP Tanker Bahamas 3415 9005106	29/01/2009 03:40 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 14° 10.00' N 049° 58.00' E	Heavily armed pirates in a speed boat chased and fired upon the tanker underway. They boarded the tanker, took 13 crewmembers hostage and hijacked the ship and sailed to an undisclosed location in Somalia. Further reports awaited	Pirates fired upon the tanker, 13 crewmembers were taken hostage and the ship was hijacked	SSAS activated	Yes Coalition Warship, PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	BLUE STAR General cargo ship Saint Kitts and Nevis 6168 7706770	01/01/2009 07:47 LT	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 13° 55.00' N 047° 58.00' E	Armed robbers attacked and hijacked the ship underway. 28 members of the crew were taken hostage	28 crew members were taken hostage and the ship was hijacked	-	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Baharain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	ATLANTIC DREAM Bulk carrier Panama 16949 9364837	03/01/2009 03:05 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Buenaventura Anchorage, Colombia 03° 49.60' N 077° 09.40' W	One robber was sighted near the forward cargo compartment on a bulk carrier at anchor. Master raised alarm and mustered ship's crew. Master reported to the Coast Guard. Later a man jumped overboard and escaped. Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation	-	Master raised alarm and mustered ship's crew and informed the Coast Guard	Yes Buenaventura Coast Guard was informed	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Coast Guard came on board for investigation
3	SEA PRINCESS II Tanker Panama 1902 7718814	03/01/2009 05:00 LT	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden Yemen 12° 55.00' N 045° 10.00' E	Armed robbers in four boats attacked and hijacked the tanker underway. Information indicates the tanker has been taken to Eyl. 15 crewmembers were taken hostage.	15 crewmembers were taken hostage and the ship was hijacked	-	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain, Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, and Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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4	SPAR TOPAZ Bulk carrier Norway 22155 8407280	05/01/2009 19:45 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Callao Anchorage Area No.12, Peru 12° 01.50' S 077° 13.10' W	Five robbers boarded the ship at anchor. Duty crew noticed the robbers trying to break the forepeak store hatch and raised the alarm. On hearing the alarm, robbers jumped into the water and escaped. Nothing was stolen. Port control was informed and a patrol boat was sent to searched the area.	-	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes PRC relayed message to MRCC Peru	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	A patrol boat was sent to search the area
5	MARUBA AFRICA Container ship Liberia 22801 9357092	09/01/2009 01:30 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Callao Anchorage No.1, Peru 12° 01.81' S 077° 12.15' W	Duty A/B spotted armed robbers stealing ship's stores while at anchor. Two of the robbers tried to attack the duty A/B, but he managed to run and inform the bridge. Robbers escaped in a motor boat upon hearing the alarm. Ship's properties stolen	Robbers attacked the duty A/B with knives. Ship's properties were stolen.	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes PRC relayed message to Coast Guard Peru and Port authority	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Authorities boarded the ship for investigation
6	KAKUSHO I BITUMEN Tanker Singapore 3525 9279642	15/01/2009 04:15 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Vungtau Outer Anchorage, Viet Nam 10° 14.97' N 107° 04.02' E	Two robbers boarded the tanker at anchor. Duty A/B noticed the robbers and raised the alarm. The ship's whistle was sounded and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, robbers jumped into the water and escaped with ship's stores in a small boat	Ship's stores were stolen	Raised alarm, ship's whistle sounded and crew mustered	Yes PRC relayed message to Vietnam Maritime Police and Vietnam Maritime Security Information Centre	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	SAMHO CORDELIA Chemical tanker Marshall Islands 8689 9411587	15/01/2009 19:13 UTC	WEST AFRICA Lagos Outer Anchorage, Nigeria 05° 21.00' N 005° 05.00' E	Ten robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the tanker at anchor. They attacked the captain, robbed cash, valuables and escaped. Authorities were informed	Robbers attacked the captain and robbed cash and valuables	-	Yes Relevant Authorities, PRC relayed message to High Commission of Nigeria, Malaysia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	FRONT CHIEF Tanker Bahamas 157863 9169691	17/01/2009 22:00 LT	WEST AFRICA Bonny Offshore Terminal, SPM-1, Nigeria 04° 10.00' N 007° 14.00' E	Robbers armed with automatic weapons and explosives boarded and attacked a line tug being used by the tanker undergoing loading operations. The line tug captain was killed in the attack. The robbers later approached the tanker and threw grenades which luckily did not hit the tanker. Robbers gained entry into the accommodation by firing on one of the accommodation doors. The crew locked themselves in the engine room for safety. Crew and ship's property was stolen by the robbers. The attack lasted nearly one hour. All crew are safe	The line tug captain was killed, robbers throw grenades at the tanker and ship's property were stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered. Activated SSAS	Yes Bonny Offshore Terminal, PRC relayed message to High Commission of Nigeria,	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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9	FLORA DELMAS Container ship Bahamas 16916 9239862	28/01/2009 UTC	EAST AFRICA Dar Es Salaam Roads, United Republic of Tanzania 06° 43.70' S 039° 18.50' E	Four robbers in a small wooden boat attempted to climb onboard an anchored ship. Alert duty watchmen informed the duty officer who raised the alarm and directed the ship's search light towards the robbers. Seeing that they were noticed the robbers aborted and moved away. Port control was informed	-	General alarm raised and search light directed	Yes Dar Es Salaam port control, PRC relayed message to Tanzania High Commission, London, United Kingdom	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	A patrol boat came alongside the ship and a police officer took the master's statement
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IN PORT AREA

1	VICTORIA FOUR Fishing vessel United Republic of Tanzania 41	08/01/2009 00:30 LT	EAST AFRICA Off Kiunga, Kenya 01° 44.58' S 041° 27.70' E	Heavily armed robbers in a speedboat, presumed to be from Somalia, came alongside the fishing vessel at anchor . They boarded the vessel and tied up all crewmembers. They stole cash, some valuable equipment and forced three crewmembers into their speedboat and escaped. Some of the crew swam ashore and reported the incident to the local police. The fishing vessel was brought back to Mombasa. Kenyan police are investigating the incident	Pirates tied up all crewmembers. They stole cash, some valuable equipment and forced three crewmembers into their speedboat	-	Yes Kenyan police, PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain, Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFIC Watch, and Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Kenyan Police is investigating the incident
2	CHALLENGE PACIFIC Tanker Singapore 26911 9347310	10/01/2009 23:00 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (A) Mucuripe Terminal, Fortaleza Port, Brazil 03° 44.00' S 038° 31.00' W	Four robbers in a boat approached the tanker at berth. One of the robbers boarded the tanker using a hook attached to a rope. Duty A/B noticed the robber and raised alarm. The robber jumped overboard and escaped with his accomplices and ship's stores	Ship's store were stolen	Duty A/B raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Harbour Police, PRC relayed message to MRCC Brazil	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	INES Container ship Germany 9602 9122461	11/01/2009 02:55 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (A) Guanta Port, Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	Four robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship during cargo operations. They broke open one reefer container and stole contents from it. Upon seeing the watchman, the robbers escaped. Port police informed	Robbers broke open one reefer container and stole contents from it	Duty watchman raised alarm	Yes Port Police, PRC relayed message to MRCC Venezuela	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Port police investigated the incident

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4	CROWLEY SHIPPER Ro-ro-cargo ship United Kingdom 12337 7909621	12/01/2009 03:40 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (C) S1 Anchorage, Port Au Prince, Haiti	Three robbers in a small boat approached the ship at anchor. One of the robbers attempted to board via side ramp. Duty A/B shouted at the robber and raised alarm. The robber jumped off the ramp and escaped with his accomplices	-	Duty A/B shouted and raised alarm	Yes PRC relayed message to Embassy of the Republic of Haiti, France	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	MOL SPLENDOR Container ship Germany 25713 9154206	19/01/2009 23:00 LT	WEST AFRICA Tema Roads, Ghana	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor. They broke open a container and escaped with its contents and other ship's stores	Ship's store were stolen	implemented enhanced security measures	Yes PRC relayed message to Ghana High Commission, London,	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
6	HISTRIA CORAL Chemical tanker Malta 25804 9301299	21/01/2009 20:50 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (P) La Pampilla port, Peru	The tanker was boarded by six robbers while cargo operations were in progress. The deck security watchman was found to be beaten up and tied up. Upon searching, no robbers were found onboard. Authorities were informed and a Coast Guard boat arrived and conducted an investigation. Ship's stores were stolen. Injured crew was sent ashore for medical treatment and later returned to the ship	Robbers assaulted the security watchman and tied him up. They stole ship's stores. Crew was injured	Raised alarm, crew mustered and searched the ship	Yes Yes. TRAMAR Callao	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Coast Guard assisted in investigation
7	ELKA ATHINA Chemical tanker Greece 59486 9249116	29/01/2009 03:45 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Balongan Anchorage, Indonesia 06° 10.40' S 108° 25.50' E	Four robbers boarded the tanker at anchor. They tried to enter into the accommodation, but were noticed by the duty crew who raised the alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers climbed down into their boat and escaped. Master broadcast a security alert message to all ships in the vicinity and tried to call Balongan radio, but received no response	-	Duty crew raised the alarm and master broadcast a security alert message to all ships in the vicinity	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy HQ, Puskodal Jakarta, Marine Police Jakarta, Marine Police Balongan & SAR Jakarta	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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ANNEX 2
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	S. VENUS Bulk carrier Panama 22221 8323111	01/01/2009 07:30 LT	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden Panama 14° 21.00' N 050° 34.00' E	Pirates approached the ship underway. Master immediately contacted the coalition naval forces. Meanwhile, ship's crew enforced preventive measure and Master reported sighting automatic weapons and RPGs in the skiff. Attack was aborted.	Master raised alarm and took evasive manoeuvres. Crew used long bamboo sticks with fire at the head as deterrence	Master raised alarm and took evasive manoeuvres. Crew released empty drums and used long bamboo sticks with fire at the head	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain, Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFIC Watch, and Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	CORINA Bulk carrier Panama 21107 7519024	01/01/2009 12:30 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 13° 53.00' N 049° 29.00' E	Four pirates in a speed boat attacked and fired the ship underway and attempted to board it. The Master raised the alarm, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. Attempt was aborted	Pirates fired upon the ship	Master raised the alarm, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres	Yes UKMTO Dubai, CUSNC-Baharain, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	KING DANIEL Tanker Marshall Islands 42010 9407287	02/01/2009 04:27 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 13° 11.00' N 047° 32.50' E	Pirates in a speed boat approached the tanker underway. One boat was spotted 4 nm away from the ship and the other two were drifting 7 nm ahead the tanker. Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and initiated anti-piracy measures. The first speed boat came within two metres of the stbd quarter and fired upon the tanker. Master saw five pirates armed with machine guns. Coalition warships were contacted. Attempt was aborted	Pirates fired upon the ship	Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated anti-piracy measures	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain, Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFIC Watch, and Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	CHIPOLBROK SUN General cargo ship Hong Kong, China 24167 9272230	02/01/2009 04:40 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 13° 13.00' N 047° 32.60' E	Two speed boats with pirates armed with guns and RPG chased the ship underway. Master took evasive manoeuvres and contacted coalition naval forces for help and two warships were dispatched. Meanwhile ship's crew took various preventive measures and thwarted pirates from boarding. Later, pirates aborted the attack	-	Master raised alarm, took evasive manoeuvres and crew kept fire hoses under pressure	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain, Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFIC Watch, and Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

5	KRITI EPISKOP Oil tanker Greece 78710 8904472	02/01/2009 08:07 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 13° 42.00' N 050° 39.00' E	Pirates in three skiffs attacked and fired upon the tanker underway and attempted to board it. Master raised alarm, contacted coalition warships, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. A coalition helicopter arrived at the scene and the pirated aborted attempt	Pirates fired upon the tanker	Master raised alarm, contacted coalition warships, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres	Yes PPRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain, Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFIC Watch, and Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
6	SAMANYOLU General cargo ship Netherlands Antilles (Netherlands) 2050 7928768	02/01/2009 08:20 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 14° 18.90' N 050° 52.00' E	Five armed pirates in a boat approached the ship underway. Master raised alarm, took evasive manoeuvres and contacted coalition warships. Pirates fired upon the ship with RPG and guns. Ship's crew fired rocket flares at the pirate boat which caught fire. The pirates were apprehended by a coalition helicopter which arrived and fired shots at them	Pirates fired upon the ship with RPG and guns	Master raised alarm, took evasive manoeuvres and crew fired rocket flares at the pirate boat	Yes Coalition Warships, PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain, Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFIC Watch, and Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	DONAT Tanker Croatia 84315 9318539	04/01/2009 03:35 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 13° 24.00' N 048° 15.00' E	Five pirates in a speed boat armed with machine guns attempted to board the tanker underway. Master raised alarm and contacted coalition warships. The crew took anti-piracy measures. Pirates came close to the tanker, but were unable to board her due to activated fire hoses. Attempt was aborted	-	Master raised alarm and contacted coalition warships	Yes Coalition Warships, PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain, Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFIC Watch, and Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	VULTURNUS General cargo ship Panama 18374 7618301	04/01/2009 05:40 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 13° 03.00' N 048° 42.50' E	Six pirates in one white coloured speed boat attempted to board the ship underway. Three of the pirates were armed with machine guns and opened fire on the ship. Master took evasive manoeuvres and contacted a coalition warship. Within 15 minutes a helicopter arrived at the location. Speed boats moved away when the helicopter leaped into view. Attempted was aborted	Pirates fired at the ship	Master took evasive manoeuvres and contacted a coalition warship	Yes Coalition warship was contacted. PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain, Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFIC Watch, and Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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9	NEDLLOYD BARENTSZ Container ship Netherlands 66526 9189366	13/01/2009 08:10 LT	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 12° 24.50' N 044° 57.70' E	One boat with six pirates armed with guns and RPG chased the ship underway. Pirates opened fire with RPG. Two warships in the vicinity provided assistance to the ship. After half an hour the attack was abandoned. The Russian warship chased the pirate boat, but was instructed by Aden port control not to interfere	Pirates fired upon the ship	Master increased speed to maximum and took evasive manoeuvres	Yes UKMTO Dubai and Coalition Warships. PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain, Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFIC Watch, and Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
10	DAYLAM Tanker Malta 160576 9218466	14/01/2009 12:45 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 046° 41.06' E	Eight pirates armed with guns in two boats attempted to attack the tanker underway. Master raised alarm, sent distress message, contacted coalition warships and took evasive manoeuvres. A coalition warship responded and was ready to dispatch a helicopter. Pirate boats slowed down and aborted the attempt upon noticing the British security team at the bridge wings armed with axes	-	Raised alarm, sent distress message and took evasive manoeuvres	Yes Coalition Warships, PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain, Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFIC Watch, and Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
11	ELENI G Bulk carrier Malta 18836 8412508	29/01/2009 06:20 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 12° 27.70' N 044° 10.50' E	Armed pirates in six speed boats surrounded the bulk carrier underway. Master raised alarm, took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated fire hoses. One of the speedboats chased the vessel for about one mile. Seeing the alert crew and the determined manoeuvres by the attacked ship the pirates stopped chasing it. Later the Master noticed another five boats waiting in the vicinity of the ship. Master immediately activated SSAS and contacted the coalition forces. A Chinese coalition helicopter arrived at 0710 UTC and chased the pirates away. Later, a German coalition navy ship arrived at the location. Ship continued voyage.	-	Master raised alarm, activated SSAS and DSC alarm, took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated fire hoses	Yes Coalition warships and UKMTO Dubai	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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1	LAKE ARU Bulk carrier Panama 15932 9074705	15/01/2009 01:45 UTC	WEST AFRICA Lome Anchorage, Togo 06° 05.40' N 001° 15.80' E	Four robbers in a motor boat attempted to board the ship at anchor. Duty officer raised alarm and crew activated fire hoses. Upon seeing crew alertness the robbers aborted the attempt. Master heaved up anchor and proceeded to open sea for drifting	-	Raised alarm and crew activated fire hoses	Yes Port Control, PRC relayed message to Honorary Consulate of Togo	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
1	ABUL KALAM AZAD Tanker India 51793 8600973	01/01/2009 03:37 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 13° 05.00' N 047° 03.00' E	Two skiffs approach the tanker underway an opened fired with automatic guns. Master increased speed and made evasive manoeuvres and broadcast a distress message via vhf radio. A warship and a helicopter were sent to assist the tanker. Upon seeing the warship and helicopter the skiff moved away	Pirates fired upon the tanker	Master increased speed, made evasive manoeuvres and sent a distress message via vhf radio	Yes Coalition forces	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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