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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 2009 and 31 January 2010 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.

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.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".

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 5,243, an increase of 19 since 31 December 2009.

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 31 December 2009 being MSC.4/Circ.130, MSC.4/Circ.134, MSC.4/Circ.135, MSC.4/Circ.136, MSC.4/Circ.137, MSC.4/Circ.138, MSC.4/Circ.139, MSC.4/Circ.140, MSC.4/Circ.141, MSC.4/Circ.142, MSC.4/Circ.143, MSC.4/Circ.144, MSC.4/Circ.145, MSC.4/Circ.146 and MSC.4/Circ.147.

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

	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.148 ANNEX 1 Coastal State Action Taken
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	PRAMONI Chemical tanker Singapore 12105 9408803	01/01/2010 09:44 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 12° 31.00' N 047° 17.00' E	Pirates hijacked the ship taking 24 crewmembers hostage. The ship was sailed to the Somali coast	The ship was hijacked and 24 crewmembers were taken hostage	-	No	ReCAAP ISC	-
2	ASIAN GLORY Vehicle carrier United Kingdom 44818 9070474	02/01/2010 00:21 UTC	EAST AFRICA About 620NM off Somalia 10° 48.00' N 061° 54.00' E	Pirates hijacked the ship underway taking 25 crewmembers hostage. The ship was sailed to the Somali coast	The ship was hijacked and 25 crewmembers were taken hostage	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	FAIZE OSAMANI Dhow India	06/01/2010	EAST AFRICA off Kismayo, Somalia	The dhow was hijacked by pirates with 14 crewmembers on board and it was abandoned on 2 February. A coalition force ship provided medical and technical assistance to the crewmembers and the dhow proceeded on its voyage	The dhow was hijacked and 14 crewmembers were taken hostage	-	No	European Union Naval Force	-

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	JANNI Tug Panama 705 7601645	24/12/2009 12:10 LT	WEST AFRICA Nana Creek, Delta Niger, Nigeria	Six robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the tug towing a barge enroute to offshore Cotonou. The security guards on board the vessel were not armed and not trained and hence did not provide any resistance. Alarm was activated. The robbers ordered to stop the engine. Crewmembers were beaten up, wounded and manhandled by the pirates. They demanded crew personal effects and vessel's property at gun point. They fired several shots at accommodation, galley and bridge and ordered the crew to carry all the looted valuables to their speedboat. They also boarded the barge	Crewmembers were beaten up and wounded. The robbers fired several shots at accommodation, galley and bridge. Cash, ship's property and crew's personal belongings were stolen	Alarm activated	Yes Local authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	SCF TOMSK Tanker Liberia 23003 9326598	05/01/2010 23:56 LT	WEST AFRICA Abidjan Outer Anchorage, Côte d'Ivoire	Three robbers armed with long knives in a small boat boarded the tanker at anchor. One of the robbers took hostage the duty crewmember and threatened him with a knife while the other robbers stole ship's stores. The alarm was raised and the robbers escaped with the stolen stores	Duty crew taken hostage and threatened with a knife. Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Port Authority	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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3	MSC KIWI Container ship United Kingdom 24836 9162605	12/01/2010 02:05 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA near Vung Tau Anchorage, Viet Nam 10° 15.00' N 107° 04.00' E	Three robbers boarded the ship while underway. They proceeded to the forward store and stole ship's stores. The robbers jumped overboard and escaped	Ship's stores stolen	-	Yes Port Control	ReCAAP ISC	-
4	PFS NARAYANA Bulk carrier India 28330 8130667	13/01/2010 04:15 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Indonesia 03° 13.00' S 116° 23.00' E	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor. They managed to break into the forepeak and stole ship's stores	Ship's stores stolen	-	Yes Local authorities	ReCAAP ISC	-
5	SEAWAYS VALOUR General cargo ship India 11998 8801345	16/01/2010 02:30	INDIAN OCEAN 9.2 nm off Kochi, India 09° 56.40' N 076° 04.60' E	Five robbers armed with knives, in a speedboat approached the ship while at anchor. One robber boarded the ship through the starboard side abreast of no. 2 hatch. On sighting the robber, the watchkeeper immediately raised the alarm and rushed towards the robber. The robber was chased by the crew until he jumped into the water and escaped	-	Crew raised the alarm and chased the robber	Yes Port Authority	ReCAAP ISC	-
6	BERLIN Bulk carrier Liberia 39737 9516387	18/01/2010 20:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Off Adang Bay, Indonesia	Robbers boarded the ship and were noticed by the duty crew. The alarm was raised. The robbers managed to escape with the ship's stores	Ship's stores were stolen	Raised alarm	No	ReCAAP ISC	-
7	OSPREY EXPLORER Research ship Panama 3517 8416906	22/01/2010 01:40 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Kakinada Anchorage, India 17° 00.30' N 082° 18.70' E	Three robbers in a small fishing boat approached the vessel from the stern. One robber boarded the ship through the mooring port hole and started lowering the mooring rope into the boat. The duty watchman noticed the robber, made fast the rope on a bollard and informed bridge officer. Alarm raised and the robber dropped the rope and escaped	-	Alarm raised	Yes PFSO port of Kakinada	ReCAAP ISC	-

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IN PORT AREA

1	X-PRESS DHAULAGIRI Container ship Singapore 18123 9357547	19/12/2009 23:45 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Anchorage, Bangladesh 22° 10.50' N 091° 43.80' E	Deck Fitter saw three robbers with long knives attempting to board the vessel from the poop deck. He ran back to his cabin and alerted the rest of the crew via the P/A System. The robbers cut off one mooring rope of about 25 ms. length and threw it into the sea. They jumped overboard and escaped	One mooring rope stolen	General alarm and crew mustered	Yes Chittagong Port Control	ReCAAP ISC	-
2	NAME WITHELD Chemical tanker Liberia 8515	25/12/2009 02:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Lagos Anchorage, Nigeria	Four robbers in a speedboat armed with guns boarded the ship at anchor. They entered into the accommodation and took hostage four crewmembers to gain access to the Master's cabin. They forced the Master to open the safe and hand over all the ship's cash. The robbers smashed a glass over the Master's head and hit him with the gun's butt. They took ship's cash, equipment, property and crew's personal belongings and escaped. The Master received medical treatment	The Master was injured. Ship's cash, equipment, property and crew personal belongings were stolen	SSAS activated	Yes Port Authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	SANYA Container ship Singapore 16705 9178393	04/01/2010 02:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Koja Container Terminal, Tanjung Priok, Indonesia 06° 05.86' S 106° 54.15' E	Three robbers boarded the ship berthed via poop deck and steering gear room. They tied up and assaulted the A/B. Robbers stole ship's property and escaped	A/B was assaulted. Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Police and Coast Guard	ReCAAP ISC	-
4	BOW SAGAMI Tanker Panama 19420 9379911	09/01/2010 04:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Berthed at Petrokimia Terminal, Gresik Port, Indonesia	Robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor. They cut one of the stern lines during final stages of cargo discharging while crew were busy with tank stripping operations. Robbers escaped with ship's stores	Ship's stores stolen	-	Yes Pilot and Port Control	ReCAAP ISC	-
5	PATENT Bulk carrier Malta 19796 9278167	20/01/2010 02:20 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Guayaquil Outer Anchorage, Ecuador 02° 46.50' S 080° 26.60' W	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor and tried to gain access into the forward store. Duty crew noticed them and informed duty officer on the bridge who raised the alarm and crew mustered. The robbers jumped overboard and escaped empty handed	Forward store padlock broken	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
6	BRITISH HOLLY Tanker Isle of Man (United Kingdom) 58070 9266865	21/01/2010 12:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Manila South Harbour Anchorage, Philippines 14° 33.74' N 120° 55.24' E	Robbers boarded an anchored tanker and stole a liferaft and ship's property and escaped	Liferaft and ship's property were stolen	-	Yes Port Authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN PORT AREA

7	PAC ALNATH General cargo ship Singapore 20471 9265926	29/01/2010 03:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Ciwandan Anchorage, Indonesia 06° 00.50' S 105° 56.50' E	Four robbers in a speedboat approached the ship at anchor from the port quarter. One robber boarded by using a hook attached to a rope. He was spotted by the deck watchman. Alarm raised and the robber escaped	-	Raised alarm	Yes Coast Guard	ReCAAP ISC	-
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ANNEX 2
Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly attempted against ships reported by
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	TREASURE SUNSHINE General cargo ship Singapore 6522 9544865	03/01/2010 09:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA 100 nm North of Irian Jaya, Indonesia 01° 39.40' N 132° 45.30' E	Pirates in ten speed boats attempted to approach the ship from the port side, starboard side and stern. After 20 minutes of being chased, the pirates abandoned attempt at boarding	-	Sounded ship's whistle and crew mustered crew	No	ReCAAP ISC	-
2	JAG LAYAK Tanker India 80637 9107722	16/01/2010 04:25 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, Somalia 12° 58.00' N 048° 42.00' E	Five pirates in a high speed skiff approached the ship underway. The skiff proceeded towards the ship from the direction of the sun making it difficult to detect. The ship spotted the skiff at a distance of about one to two nautical miles. Master raised alarm, blew ship's horn and carried out evasive manoeuvres. Pirates opened fire with rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons. Master informed coalition warship and a helicopter was dispatched. Upon seeing the helicopter, the pirates abandoned attempt at boarding	Pirates fired upon the ship	Master raised alarm, blew ship's alarm and made evasive manoeuvres	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	A warship sent a helicopter to the location
3	MILTIADES Bulk carrier Jamaica 16887 8208323	17/01/2010 16:30 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 12° 39.30' N 047° 33.90' E	Four pirates armed with automatic weapons in a white coloured skiff approached the ship underway. At a distance of around 10 metres the pirates opened fire on the ship. A warship and a helicopter were dispatched to the location of the incident	Pirates fired upon the ship	Master raised alarm	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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