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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 March and 30 April 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 4,978, an increase of 57 since 31 March 2009.

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 31 March 2009 being MSC.4/Circ.118, MSC.4/Circ.119, MSC.4/Circ.120, MSC.4/Circ.121, MSC.4/Circ.122, MSC.4/Circ.123, MSC.4/Circ.124, MSC.4/Circ.125, MSC.4/Circ.126, MSC.4/Circ.127, MSC.4/Circ.128, MSC.4/Circ.129, MSC.4/Circ.130, MSC.4/Circ.131, MSC.4/Circ.132, MSC.4/Circ.133, MSC.4/Circ.134 and MSC.4/Circ.135.

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.136 ANNEX 1 Coastal State Action Taken
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	TANIT Yacht France	04/04/2009	EAST AFRICA Off Somalia, 09° 36.00' N 058° 35.00' E	Pirates armed with guns hijacked the yacht with five crew members on board. They sailed the yacht to an undisclosed location and demanded a ransom for the safe release of the crew and yacht. Authorities launched a rescue operation in which three crew members and a child were rescued. The skipper and two pirates were killed in the incident, and three pirates were arrested	Pirates took hostage 5 crew and hijacked the yacht	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	HANSA STAVANGER Container ship Germany 15988 9128465	04/04/2009 05:30 UTC	EAST AFRICA 315 NM SE of Mogadishu, 02° 40.00' S 048° 03.00' E	Pirates attacked and hijacked the ship underway. They sailed the ship towards the Somalia Coast and took hostage 24 crew	Pirates took hostage 24 crew and hijacked the ship	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	AL SHAHIR Fishing vessel Yemen	05/04/2009	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden,	The dhow and its 14 crew were hijacked on 05 April 2009. Local authorities captured two pirates while twelve escaped during rescue operations	Pirates took hostage 14 crew and hijacked the vessel	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	WIN FAR 161 Fishing vessel 696	06/04/2009 03:00 LT	EAST AFRICA 630 NM SE of Mogadishu, 01° 51.00' S 055° 25.00' E	Armed pirates chased, boarded and hijacked the fishing trawler underway. Information available indicated that the fishing vessel was then used to try to hijack other fishing vessels in the vicinity. Pirates later directed the vessel towards the Somali coast	Pirates took hostage 30 crew and hijacked the vessel	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	MALASPINA CASTLE General cargo ship Panama 21173 7915967	06/04/2009 06:22 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 12° 33.00' N 049° 02.00' E	Pirates in two high speed boats chased and fired on the ship underway. They took hostage all crew members and hijacked her. The ship was taken towards Somali coast	Pirates hijacked the ship and took all crew hostage	Master sent distress message	Yes Coalition Forces	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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6	ASTAKA Tug Malaysia 334 9443334	06/04/2009 23:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Off Can Tho, Viet Nam	Three pirates wearing hoods and armed with guns boarded the tug towing a barge. The pirates took hostage four crewmembers, tied their hands and locked them in Master's cabin. The four crewmembers freed themselves and found that the other seven crewmembers were missing and later abandoned the vessel. The four crew reached ashore in a life raft after two hours and the Vietnam authorities took them in for investigation. The tug was later found at the coastal waters of Can Tho and the barge was found with the cargo off Con Dao island. Seven crew were still missing	Pirates hijacked the tug and took hostage 4 crew members hostage. Other 7 crew were missing	-	Yes Vietnam Authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	MAERSK ALABAMA Container ship United States 14120 9164263	07/04/2009 11:40 UTC	EAST AFRICA Off Somalia, 06° 27.00' N 054° 31.00' E	Pirates in skiffs, armed with automatic weapons chased and fired upon the ship underway. Pirates boarded and hijacked the ship. Crew members managed to release the vessel, but pirates managed to take the Master hostage for five days and escaped in a lifeboat. On 12/04/2009, United States Forces freed the Master, killing three pirates	Pirates hijacked the ship and took hostage 21 crewmembers	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	PROSPAQ T1 Barge carrier Singapore 2459 8967797	07/04/2009 20:35 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA En Route Singapore to Vietnam	Twelve pirates armed with firearms and long knives boarded and hijacked the tug Porspaq T1 (IMO number 8967797, GT: 197; Flag: Singapore) which was towing the barge Prospa B1. They took hostage 10 crewmembers, blindfolded and tied them up using masking tape and hijacked the tug and barge. On 13 April, the pirates instructed the crewmembers to lower and board their life raft. Then, they sailed the tug and barge to an unknown location. A passing ship rescued the crewmembers on 14 April and reported to the Philippines authorities. The ship arrived at Manila port on 16 April and the authorities boarded the ship and took the crewmembers ashore for medical examination	Pirates hijacked the barge and the tug and took hostage 10 crewmembers, later abandoned in life raft	-	Yes Philippines Authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
9	SAMARAH AHMED Fishing vessel Egypt	10/04/2009	Vicinity of Ras Kampomi, Gulf of Aden,	Pirates attacked and hijacked a blue and white hull, length 36 metres, fishing vessel with 18 crew members	Pirates hijacked the vessel and took 18 crew members hostage	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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11	BUCCANEER Tug Italy 1672 8015831	11/04/2009 11:04 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 12° 24.00' N 046° 19.00' E	Pirates fired upon and attacked an offshore tug towing two barges. They boarded, took hostage the crewmembers and hijacked it	Pirates fired upon the vessel, hijacked the tug and took hostage the crewmembers	Raised alarm, sent distress messages and took evasive manoeuvres	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
12	IRENE E.M Bulk carrier Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 21947 7433593	13/04/2009 22:20 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 12° 54.00' N 048° 15.00' E	Pirates in a skiff armed with automatic weapons chased the ship and opened fire on it. They hijacked the ship and took 21 crew members hostage. The pirates sailed the ship to an undisclosed location in Somalia	Pirates hijacked the ship and took 21 crew hostage	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
13	SEA HORSE General cargo ship Togo 4932 7315583	14/04/2009 11:17 UTC	EAST AFRICA About 100 NM East of Mogadishu, Somalia 02° 16.00' N 047° 38.00' E	Pirates in three skiffs chased the ship underway and boarded it. They hijacked the ship and took 20 crew hostage. The pirates sailed the ship to an undisclosed location in Somalia	Pirates hijacked the ship and took 20 crew hostage	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
14	AFRAAF Fishing vessel Yemen	18/04/2009	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden,	Pirates hijacked the fishing vessel with nine crew members on board and used it as a mother ship to attack other vessels. A warship intercepted the fishing vessel, rescued the crew and detained the pirates	Pirates hijacked the ship	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
15	FAREI ALI Fishing vessel Yemen	18/04/2009	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden,	Pirates hijacked the ship with nine crew members on board and used it as a mother ship to attack other vessels. A warship intercepted the vessel, rescued the crew and vessel. The pirates were taken to Somali coast	Pirates hijacked the fishing vessel	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
16	POMPEI General cargo ship Belgium 1482 8706583	18/04/2009 03:27 UTC	EAST AFRICA Off Southern Somalia 02° 45.00' S 056° 48.00' E	Pirates in skiffs armed with RPG and automatic weapons attacked and hijacked the ship underway	Pirates took hostage 10 crew and hijacked the ship	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
17	QUDS Chemical tanker 28981	20/04/2009 17:00 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Off Pulau Mangkai, Saudi Arabia 03° 05.00' N 105° 17.20' E	Eight pirates armed with knives boarded the tanker underway. They took hostage 8 crewmembers, stole ship's cash and crew personal belongings and escaped.	Pirates took hostage 8 crewmembers, stole ship's cash and crew personal belongings	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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18	ALEyna MERCAN Chemical tanker Marshall Islands 2897 9296547	20/04/2009 20:30 LT	WEST AFRICA 30 NM Off Onne, Nigeria 04° 00.00' N 006° 07.50' E	About eight pirates, in a speed boat, wearing masks and armed with guns, fired upon the tanker underway. They boarded the tanker, shut down the Inmarsat system and took hostage the chief officer. Main engine was stopped under armed threat and another boat came alongside with two more pirates. Pirates kidnapped the Master and 2/E and escaped with ship's cash and crew personal belongings. The kidnapped crew were released on 22/04/2009	Pirates fired upon the tanker causing damages to the ship. They hijacked the ship and took 2 hostages and kidnapped the Master and 2/E. They escaped with ship's cash and crew personal belongings	SSAS activated	Yes Nigeria and Malaysia authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
19	ELLEN S Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 9957 9374117	22/04/2009 21:45 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Off Pulau Mangkai, 03° 10.80' N 105° 28.50' E	Five pirates armed with long knives in a boat boarded the ship underway. They attacked the Master and stole ship's cash and escaped. No injuries to crew	Pirates attacked the Master and stole ship's cash	Alarm raised	Yes Singapore VTS	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
20	PATRIOT Bulk carrier Malta 19795 9250567	25/04/2009 03:35 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 14° 01.00' N 051° 34.00' E	Pirates in skiffs armed with guns attacked and hijacked the ship underway	Pirates hijacked the ship and took the crew hostage	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
21	GNA Tanker Yemen 1960 7722994	26/04/2009 11:30 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 13° 25.50' N 047° 24.40' E	Pirates attacked and hijacked the ship whilst underway. Yemen authorities recovered the ship and arrested the pirates	The ship was hijacked and the crew was taken hostage then recovered. Two crew members missing	-	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	JANESIA ASPHALT I BITUMEN Tanker Panama 2873 9020443	22/02/2009 02:30 LT	Kakinada Anchorage, India 17° 01.64' N 082° 23.26' E	Robbers in two small boats approached the tanker at anchor. They boarded the ship, stole ship's stores and escaped	Robbers stole ship's stores	-	Yes Chennai & Coast Guard HQ, India	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	TERUS DAYA 23 Tug Indonesia 259	01/04/2009 05:10 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Off Pulau Aur, Malaysia 02° 30.10' N 104° 24.20' E	Five robbers with masks and armed with knives boarded the tug towing a barge underway. They stole crew cash and personal belongings and escaped	-	Pirates stole crew cash and personal belongings	Yes PRC relayed message to MRCC Putra Jaya	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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3	LUDWIG SCHULTE Container ship Singapore 18321 9435686	09/04/2009 02:10 UTC	EAST AFRICA Dar Es Salaam Anchorage, United Republic of Tanzania 06° 44.85' S 039° 20.06' E	While the crew kept anti piracy watch onboard the ship, robbers boarded and succeeded in throwing one life raft into the sea. The crew raised alarm, mustered and reported to the authorities. The crew did not attempt to recover the life raft due to the large number of robbers	Robbers stole ship's property	Master raised alarm, mustered crew and reported to authorities	Yes Port control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	ARISTEAS P Bulk carrier Liberia 23207 8315918	19/04/2009 02:45 LT	Berth No 1, Tincan Island, Lagos Port, Nigeria	Two motor boats with eleven robbers armed with long knives boarded a bulk carrier at berth. Robbers climbed using hooks and ropes, broke into store room and stole ship's stores. Duty officer raised alarm, crew mustered and rushed to the location. On sighting the crew, robbers threatened with long knives and escaped in their boats	Ship's stores were stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Nigeria and Malaysia authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	GOTLAND CAROLINA Chemical tanker Denmark 29283 9328132	21/04/2009 05:10 LT	EAST AFRICA Dar Es Salaam Anchorage, United Republic of Tanzania 06° 46.00' S 039° 21.00' E	Alert duty crew onboard the tanker at anchor saw a boat near the port quarter. The duty watchman raised alarm. On hearing the alarm, ten robbers were sighted on the poop-deck. The robbers jumped overboard and escaped. On inspection the robbers had managed to gain access and steal ship stores by cutting the padlocks to the store	Robbers stole ship's stores	Duty watchman raised alarm	Yes Port control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
6	SIDER LION Bulk carrier Malta 14770 9190004	22/04/2009 20:05 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Off Pulau Mangkai, Indonesia 03° 13.00' N 105° 29.00' E	Six robbers armed with knives boarded the ship underway. They stole ship's cash and crew personal belongings and escaped. No injuries to crew	Robbers stole ship's cash and crew personal belongings	Master sent distress message and SSAS activated	Yes MRCC Singapore	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN PORT AREA

1	GENCO CHARGER Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 16960 9324710	08/04/2009 02:00 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (A) Buenaventura No.5 Anchorage, Colombia 03° 49.50' N 077° 10.00' W	Seven robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship at anchor during heavy rain. Duty crew saw movements at bosun store and raised alarm. Crew mustered and rushed to the location. The robbers escaped with ship's property	Robbers stole ship's properties	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Colombia Maritime Security	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	OLYMPIAN RACER Container ship Cyprus 9910 9319557	12/04/2009 16:25 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA MICT Pilot Boarding Ground, Manila North Harbour, Philippines	A/B on routine rounds noticed robbers on the forecastle of the ship while waiting for pilot. Alarm raised and crew mustered and proceeded to forecastle to prevent any theft. Noticing the alert crew, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped with ship's properties	Robbers stole ship's properties	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Coast Guard Philippines	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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3	MCP ROTTERDAM General cargo ship Netherlands 5272 9372004	21/04/2009 03:45 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Sandakan Port, Malaysia	While at berth, two robbers boarded the ship from a small boat during heavy rain. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Robbers jumped overboard and escaped in their boat. An inspection showed three container seals were tampered, but nothing stolen	-	Raised alarm and crew mustered	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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1	IASONAS Tanker Liberia 62782 9419357	20/03/2009 05:30 LT	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 13° 10.00' N 049° 13.00' E	A speed boat with five pirates attempted to board the tanker underway using long poles and hooks. Alert crew raised alarm. Master increased speed and carried out evasive manoeuvres. Master informed coalition warships and a helicopter flew over the ship. The pirates aborted the attempt and moved away	-	Alert crew raised alarm. Master increased speed and carried out evasive manoeuvres	Yes Coalition warship	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	HUGLI SPIRIT Chemical tanker Bahamas 29242 9283784	26/03/2009 15:28 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 12° 38.00' N 043° 18.00' E	While underway the tanker spotted two speed boats (white hulls) with five persons in each boat. The tanker enforced anti piracy measures and made evasive manoeuvres. Speed boats aborted the attempt	-	Master enforced anti piracy measures and made evasive manoeuvres	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	GRAIN EXPRESS Bulk carrier 39974 9284910	02/04/2009 13:00 UTC	EAST AFRICA 94 NM SW of Ras Sharwayn, Gulf of Aden, 13° 51.10' N 051° 14.20' E	Two speed boats, blue and white in colour, with 3 - 4 persons on board approached the ship underway at over 20 knots. The speed boats came as close as 0.40 NM. Master sounded the general alarm and whistle. An Indian warship was informed. Two helicopters from Japan and India responded and the pirates aborted their attempt on sighting the helicopters	-	Master sounded the general alarm, whistle and took evasive manoeuvres	Yes Coalition Forces	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	CMA CGM AZTECA Container ship Marshall Islands 16801 9144146	02/04/2009 15:30 UTC	EAST AFRICA Off Somalia, 05° 31.00' N 056° 32.50' E	The ship was chased by two blue skiffs launched by a mother vessel while underway. The pirates fired shots at the ship. Master took evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding	Pirates fired upon the ship. One front bridge window and one side window and C/O cabin port side were broken	Master increased speed and made evasive manoeuvres	Yes Coalition Forces	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	AFRICA STAR Malta 18037 8707434	04/04/2009 06:41 UTC	EAST AFRICA 287 NM Off Socotra Island, Somalia 09° 24.52' N 058° 15.42' E	Six pirates in a speed boat chased the ship underway. Pirates armed with automatic rifles opened fire on the ship causing damages. Master increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres which prevented the pirate boat from closing in	Pirates fired upon the ship causing damages. Bridge and accommodation sustained 5 holes and broken glasses	Master increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres	Yes Coalition Forces	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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6	SHANGHAI VENTURE Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 32505 9333929	06/04/2009 19:00 UTC	ARABIAN SEA 350 NM West Coast of India, India 15° 13.47' N 067° 15.10' E	The ship underway detected on radar speed boats approaching from the stbd bow/port bow at a distance of 12 NM. The speed boats increased speed and approached closer with a CPA of 0.01 NM. Master increased speed, all crew mustered, activated fire hoses, switched on all lights, sent distress signal, made evasive manoeuvres and succeeded in preventing the boarding	-	Master increased speed, crew mustered, activated fire hoses, switched on all lights, sent distress signal and made evasive manoeuvres	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	CALM SEAS Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 38468 9184835	09/04/2009 00:01 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 13° 07.70' N 049° 09.30' E	Pirates in a skiff chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master took evasive manoeuvres and contacted the coalition naval forces for assistance. A military helicopter arrived and upon sighting the aircraft, the pirates aborted the attempt	Pirates fired upon the ship causing holes at accommodation	Master took evasive manoeuvres	Yes Coalition Forces	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	RYU GYONG General cargo ship Republic of Korea 9013 7433294	09/04/2009 18:07 LT	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 14° 08.00' N 051° 29.00' E	The ship underway sighted a suspicious mother vessel which later launched two skiffs. The boats chased the ship and opened fire with guns and RPG. Master raised alarm, carried out evasive manoeuvres and succeeded in deterring the pirates	Pirates fired upon the ship	Master raised alarm and carried out evasive manoeuvres	Yes EU NAVFOR Atalanta	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
9	ANATOLIA Bulk carrier Panama 16250 7433103	11/04/2009 04:15 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 12° 16.00' N 046° 23.60' E	Eight pirates armed with guns in a speed boat (blue colour, plastic hull, 12m length) attacked and fired upon the ship underway. Ship took evasive manoeuvres and contacted coalition warship. A coalition warship acknowledged and came to the location. The pirates approached at a distance of 100m and aborted the attack	Pirates fired upon the ship	Ship took evasive manoeuvres	Yes Coalition warship	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
10	DAL MADAGASCAR Container ship Marshall Islands 17360 9344710	11/04/2009 12:40 UTC	330 NM Off Somalia 00° 18.20' N 051° 44.30' E	Eight pirates armed with guns and RPG in two skiffs, launched by a pirate mother vessel, attacked the ship underway. Master increased speed to 22.8 knots and the skiffs followed at 23.5 knots. They approached very close and fired upon the ship. Master made evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding	Pirates fired upon the ship	Master increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres	Yes Coast Guard Seychelles	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
11	PANAMAX ANNA Bulk carrier Malta 37519 8202678	12/04/2009 04:00 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 13° 03.00' N 048° 49.00' E	Six pirates armed with guns in a skiff fired upon a bulk carrier underway. Vessel sent distress messages and took evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding. Vessel sustained slight damage to the bridge	Pirates fired upon the ship. Vessel sustained slight damage to the bridge	Master increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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12	SAFMARINE ASIA Container ship Liberia 21887 8413887	14/04/2009 13:00 LT	EAST AFRICA About 380 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia 03° 45.00' S 048° 20.00' E	Two speed boats approached the ship underway from the stbd bow at a distance of 4 NM. The pirates were armed with automatic weapons and RPG. One speed boat with six pirates attempted to board the ship. Master took evasive manoeuvres and the pirates retreated. The speed boats attacked the ship again and fired RPG, which resulted in slight damage to the ship. Master took evasive manoeuvres and finally pirates aborted the attack and left straight astern of the ship. Master contacted coalition warships and a helicopter was sent to the location. The helicopter followed after the pirate boats and later the French navy captured the pirates and handed over Kenyan authorities	Pirates fired upon the ship which resulted in slight damage	Master took evasive manoeuvres and contacted coalition warships	Yes UKMTO Dubai	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
13	LIBERTY SUN Bulk carrier United States 35944 8500551	14/04/2009 17:45 LT	EAST AFRICA Off Southern Somalia, 02° 41.00' S 046° 25.00' E	Pirates in a skiff armed with automatic weapons and RPG approached the ship from the stbd bow. Ship noticed a pirate mother vessel nearby. When the skiff was abeam, the pirates fired RPG. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated fire hoses. Pirates aborted attack	Ship sustained damages to superstructure.	Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated fire hoses	Yes Coalition Forces	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
14	PUMA General cargo ship Denmark 1398 9078048	17/04/2009 05:00 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 12° 51.00' N 047° 49.00' E	A general cargo ship detected a speed boat approaching her at distance of 7NM. A warship was contacted and informed of the speed boat and mother vessel nearby. The speed boat doing a speed of 15 knots approached the ship on the stbd side. When the speed boat was at 2NM, three armed pirates were sighted. Ship raised alarm, activated fire hoses and fired rocket flares. The speed boat came as close as 40-50 metres from the ship. Master fired rocket flares towards the speed boat and the pirates aborted attempt	-	Ship raised alarm, activated fire hoses and fired rocket flares	Yes UKMTO Dubai and Coalition Warship	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
15	HANDYTANKERS MAGIC Marshall Islands 24066 9420253	18/04/2009 07:45 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 12° 14.00' N 045° 45.00' E	A tanker underway spotted a black hull vessel with length about 20M with black sail. Once the vessel was astern, it launched a white hulled skiff which proceeded towards the tanker. Pirates in the skiff prepared a ladder to board the tanker. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and enforced anti piracy preventive measures. Pirates fired RPG which fell on the deck of the tanker but did not explode. Pirates aborted attack and returned to their mother vessel	Pirates fired one rocket	Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated fire hoses	Yes UKMTO Dubai and Coalition Warships	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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16	FRONT ARDENNE Tanker Norway 79633 9150834	18/04/2009 12:30 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 12° 18.30' N 046° 29.70' E	Pirates armed with automatic weapons in a blue hulled skiff approached the tanker underway. Master increased speed, activated fire hoses, made evasive manoeuvres and contacted the coalition warships for help. The pirates aborted the attempt	-	Master increased speed, activated fire hoses and made evasive manoeuvres	Yes Coalition warships	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
17	ATLANTICA Bulk carrier Malta 28693 9216509	20/04/2009 05:20 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 13° 14.90' N 047° 40.90' E	Twelve pirates in two white coloured speedboats, armed with automatic weapons, chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master took evasive manoeuvres and enforced anti piracy measures to prevent boarding	Pirates fired upon the ship	Master took evasive manoeuvres and enforced anti piracy measures	Yes UKMTO Dubai	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
18	NEW LEGEND HONOR General cargo ship Panama 14539 7713723	20/04/2009 10:50 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 12° 43.50' N 047° 47.50' E	Two speed boats with five to six pirates in each boat armed with guns approached the ship on the stbd quarter at a distance of 100-150 metres. Master raised alarm, took evasive manoeuvres, fired rocket flares at the pirate boats and contacted the coalition warship for assistance. The pirates aborted attempt	Pirates fired upon the ship	Raised alarm, crew mustered, took evasive manoeuvres and fired rocket flares at the pirate boats	Yes Coalition warship	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
19	S. BOTHNIA General cargo ship Antigua and Barbuda 8407 9372925	25/04/2009 03:00 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 14° 00.90' N 051° 31.70' E	Two small speed boats with five pirates armed with guns approached the ship underway. When the speed boats were about three cables away from the ship, they opened fire. Master enforced anti piracy measures and prevented the boarding	Pirates fired upon the ship causing damage to port bridge window	Master raised alarm, DSC and SSAS activated, increased speed to maximum and took evasive manoeuvres	Yes Coalition Forces	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
20	MELODY Passenger ship Panama 35143 7902295	25/04/2009 19:42 UTC	EAST AFRICA About 645 NM ESE Of Mogadishu, Somalia 01° 35.00' S 055° 39.00' E	Pirates in a skiff attacked and fired upon a passenger vessel underway. The attempted boarding was unsuccessful due to Master's evasive manoeuvres and the armed security team onboard the vessel. Vessel sustained light damages	Ship sustained light damages	Master took evasive manoeuvres	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
21	NS COMMANDER Tanker Liberia 57248 9306794	27/04/2009 10:50 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 13° 08.30' N 056° 37.20' E	One speed boat with 3 pirates armed with guns and RPG approached the tanker underway and ordered it to stop. Pirates opened fire and 30 minutes later were joined by other two speed boats with 4 to 5 pirates in each boat . Master took evasive manoeuvres and prevented boarding	Pirates fired upon the tanker	Master raised alarm, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres	Yes Marlo Bahrain, Eunavfor Atalanta & UKMTO Duba	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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22	SKAFTAFELL General cargo ship Gibraltar (United Kingdom) 4078 9137741	28/04/2009 06:30 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 12° 31.00' N 046° 07.00' E	One blue coloured speed boat with six pirates armed with guns approached the ship underway and opened fire at it. Master took evasive manoeuvres, contacted warships for assistance, fired rocket flares and operated smoke signal to prevent boarding. Later the speed boats aborted the attempt	Pirates fired upon the ship	Master sent distress message, took evasive manoeuvres, rocket flares and operated smoke signal to prevent boarding	Yes Coalition Forces	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
23	BOULARIBANK General cargo ship Antigua and Barbuda 18663 8119168	28/04/2009 07:04 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 13° 49.00' N 056° 30.26' E	Pirates in two skiffs launched from a mother vessel approached the ship and opened fire at it with guns and RPG. Master activated water hydrant and released timber baulks into the sea. Pirates aborted the attack	Pirates fired upon the ship. Ship sustained several bullet holes	Master activated water hydrant and released timber baulks into the sea	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
24	JOLLY SMERALDO Ro-ro-cargo ship Italy 29119 7722231	29/04/2009 12:50 UTC	EAST AFRICA 250 NM SE of Mogadishu, Somalia 01° 40.00' S 047° 12.00' E	Pirates armed with automatic weapons chased and fired upon the ship underway. Ship made evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding	Pirates fired upon the ship	Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated fire hoses	Yes Eunavfor Atalanta & MRCC Roma	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
25	JASPER S Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 9957 9390472	30/04/2009 02:24 UTC	EAST AFRICA Alphouse Island, off Somalia, 07° 46.00' S 051° 32.00' E	Two speed boats, the first, white hull and black stripes with 6-7 pirates and the second boat with white hull and 3-4 pirates chased the ship and fired automatic weapons and RPG. The ship sustained damages to its stbd side accommodation. One RPG shell fell on board but did not explode	Pirates fired upon the ship. Ship sustained damages to stbd side accommodation	Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated fire hoses	Yes UKMTO Dubai	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
26	JOLLY SMERALDO Ro-ro-cargo ship Italy 29119 7722231	30/04/2009 03:50 UTC	EAST AFRICA 255NM ESE of Mogadishu, Somalia 00° 36.00' N 050° 08.00' E	Pirates armed with automatic weapons in a skiff chased the ship and opened fire with automatic weapons. Master took evasive manoeuvres and prevented the boarding	Pirates fired upon the ship	Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated fire hoses	Yes MRCC Roma & Eunavfor Atalanta	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
27	CRISTINA A Container ship Turkey 17687 9337365	30/04/2009 12:24 UTC	EAST AFRICA About 900 NM ESE of Mogadishu, 04° 01.30' S 059° 33.70' E	Eight pirates in two speedboats armed with guns and RPG chased the ship underway. There was one pirate mother vessel, 10-15 metres length, observed at 3 NM from the ship. Master raised alarm, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. The pirates fired upon the ship with automatic guns and later aborted the attack	Ship sustained damages	Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated fire hoses. SSAS and Distress signal activated	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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