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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 30 June and 31 July 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 5,463, an increase of 28 since 30 June 2010.

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 30 June 2010 being 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, MSC.4/Circ.147, MSC.4/Circ.148, MSC.4/Circ.149, MSC.4/Circ.150, MSC.4/Circ.151, MSC.4/Circ.152, MSC.4/Circ.153, MSC.4/Circ.154, MSC.4/Circ.155 and MSC.4/Circ.156.

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.157 ANNEX 1 Coastal State Action Taken
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	SAKOB Fishing vessel Kenya 250 5011157	03/03/2010 02:35 LT	EAST AFRICA 151 NM East of Pemba Island United Republic of Tanzania 05° 14.00' S 042° 37.00' E	Eleven pirates in three skiffs armed with guns and rocket-propelled grenades hijacked the vessel taking 16 crew members hostage. They threatened to injure or kill the crew if their instructions were not followed. The main intention of the pirates was to use the fishing vessel to hijack another vessel. The pirates stole crew cash and personal belongings and sailed the vessel with the skiffs in tow. On 05/03/2010, 12 crew members were transferred onto a hijacked chemical tanker while the remaining four crew were still held on board. The crew and the vessel were released on 19/07/2010 after a ransom was paid. Vessel arrived at Mombasa on 24/07/2010	Ship hijacked and 16 crew members taken hostage. Ship released on 19/07/2010 after payment of ransom	-	Yes EUNAVFOR, UKMT0, NATO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	LANPAN 6 Tug Singapore 472 9412555	15/05/2010 12:15 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Singapore Straits 01° 15.40' N 104° 10.90' E	Pirates boarded the tug Lanpan 6, which was towing barge JMC 2510. Master raised alarm, sounded vessel's horn and crew directed searchlights towards the boat. Pirates stole towing equipment and escaped	Pirates stole towing equipment	Master raised alarm, sounded vessel's horn and crew directed searchlights	Yes MPA Singapore and Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	SALVIGILANT Tug Singapore 2658 9351842	23/06/2010	SOUTH CHINA SEA Enroute from Batam to Platong Field Indonesia	Pirates boarded a barge towed by two tugs while en route from Batam, Indonesia, to Platong Field, Thailand. They stole towing equipment and escaped	Towing equipment stolen	-	Yes Indonesian Marine Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	MOTIVATOR Chemical tanker Marshall Islands 8539 9340386	04/07/2010 UTC	EAST AFRICA Bab El Mandeb, Red Sea 13° 16.00' N 042° 56.00' E	Armed pirates hijacked the ship taking 18 crew members hostage	Ship was hijacked and 18 crew members were taken hostage	-	No	The Marshall Islands and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	TAROT V 8044 Fishing vessel Saudi Arabia 6	09/08/2010 06:00 LT	ARABIAN SEA Arabian Sea	Four pirates armed with guns in a small boat attacked the vessel underway. They stole GPS, fishing equipment and official documents	GPS, fishing equipment and official documents were stolen	-	Yes Saudi authorities	Saudi Arabia	Search for the pirates and carry out investigation

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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	BBC POLONIA General cargo ship Antigua and Barbuda 6215 9415325	02/07/2010 17:19 LT	WEST AFRICA Off Bonny Port Nigeria 04° 11.25' N 006° 55.04' E	Twelve armed robbers armed with guns in two boats boarded the ship underway taking 12 crew members hostage and wounding one. They took the crew members ashore and released them two days later. Crew's belongings were stolen	Twelve crew members taken hostage, one was wounded and crew's personal belongings were stolen	Raised alarm, activated SSAS	Yes Nigerian High Commission	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	HARBOUR HORNBILL General cargo ship Malaysia 4044 9150638	13/07/2010 01:45 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA 11 NM South of Pulau Merunding Indonesia 01° 59.00' N 109° 00.00' E	Eight robbers in a speedboat armed with pistols and knives boarded the ship underway. They entered the bridge and took hostage and tied up the 2/O and the duty A/B. The 2/O was taken to the Master's cabin and forced to call the Master. When the Master opened the door, the robbers entered his cabin, threatened him with knives and demanded petty cash. They tied up the Master, stole his personal belongings and ship's cash and property, and escaped	Master and 2/O, A/B were tied up and taken hostage. Ship's cash, property and crew's personal belongings were stolen	-	Yes Local Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur and ReCAAP ISC	-
3	CAPE COSMOS Bulk carrier Cyprus 73016 7926021	22/07/2010 03:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Approx 7.6 nm northeast of Horsburg Lighthouse Malaysia 01° 23.51' N 104° 30.98' E	Five robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the ship at anchor using ropes. They took the duty oiler hostage in the engine room. Alarm was raised. Robbers escaped in a speedboat	Duty oiler was taken hostage, one crew member was injured and nothing was stolen	Master raised alarm and took anti-piracy measures	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur and ReCAAP ISC	-

IN PORT AREA

1	PORT KELANG Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 29988 9405514	05/02/2010 UTC	WEST AFRICA Abidjan anchorage Côte d'Ivoire 05° 13.00' N 004° 03.00' W	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship. They tied up two crew members and stole six mooring lines before escaping	Two crew members were tied up and six mooring lines were stolen	Sounded alarm and activated SSAS	Yes Côte d'Ivoire	The Marshall Islands	-
2	CEMISLE Cement carrier Antigua and Barbuda 5133 9213911	03/07/2010 20:35 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (A) Georgetown Roads Guyana	Robbers in a boat boarded the ship and broke into the bosun store while the ship was at anchor. The C/E noticed that the door of the emergency generator room alarm was triggered and informed C/O who raised the alarm. The robbers stole ship's stores and property and escaped	Ship's property and stores stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Port authority	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	NOEMI Tanker Marshall Islands 41526 9286023	07/07/2010 00:10 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Johor port limit Malaysia 01° 19.50' N 104° 15.60' E	Crew members on deck patrol noticed a small motor boat moving away from the ship's stern. Duty officer on bridge was immediately informed. Upon checking, the fire station door was found open. Ship's equipment stolen	Ship's equipment stolen	-	Yes Johor Port Control	The Marshall Islands and ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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4	Laurita Rickmers Container ship Marshall Islands 10752 9152909	07/07/2010 06:00 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (A) Belem Brazil 10° 06.10' S 048° 29.60' W	Robbers in a motor boat approached the ship from the bow. As OOW saw the robber, the robber jumped overboard. Paint was stolen from paint locker	670 litres of paint stolen from paint locker	-	Yes Port authority	The Marshall Islands	-
5	Chang Tai Hong Vehicle carrier Hong Kong, China 40619 9382101	08/07/2010 05:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA Berth No.4, Conakry Port Guinea 09° 31.00' N 013° 43.00' W	Robbers boarded the ship via the forward mooring ropes at anchor. They stole ship's stores and escaped	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm	Yes Embassy of Guinea and Malaysia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
6	Vergina Bulk carrier Panama 23625 8323094	12/07/2010 20:30 UTC	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Anchorage 'A' Bangladesh 22° 16.00' N 091° 43.19' E	Four robbers armed with knives boarded the ship via the stern using ropes. Duty A/B spotted the robbers, informed the duty officer and alarm was raised. Robbers abandoned attack	-	-	Yes Bangladesh Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	AS Poseidon Container ship Marshall Islands 23722 9193719	18/07/2010 00:06 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Belawan anchorage Indonesia 03° 55.00' N 098° 46.00' E	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor. They broke into the paint locker and stole ship's stores and escaped	Ship's stores stolen	-	Yes Indonesian Marine Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	Condor Bay Refrigerated cargo carrier Liberia 10405 8921470	20/07/2010 05:40 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Puerto Bolivar anchorage Ecuador 03° 15.81' S 080° 00.51' W	Four robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the ship from a boat. They were spotted by a crew member who raised the alarm. The robbers hit the crew member on the back, forced him to the deck and tied him up. The ship's shore security watchmen ran towards the robbers and the robbers jumped overboard, escaping in a waiting boat. They stole ship's property	One crew member assaulted and ship's property stolen	Raised alarm, alerted crew and sent SSAS	Yes Ecuador Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
9	Altair Trader Tanker Isle of Man (United Kingdom) 160216 9294331	31/07/2010 01:45 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Batangas Anchorage Philippines 13° 44.30' N 121° 01.70' E	Three robbers in a small craft approached the ship at anchor. One robber boarded the tanker and broke into the bosun store. Alert crew spotted the robber and raised the alarm. Seeing crew alertness the robber jumped overboard and escaped. A second robber who was climbing the anchor chain also escaped. Ship's property stolen	Ship's property stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Coast Guard Philippines	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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ANNEX 2
Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly attempted against ships reported by
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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.157 ANNEX 2 Coastal State Action Taken
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	BBC BRAZIL General cargo ship Marshall Islands 7576 9258997	22/03/2010 12:00 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 13° 52.00' N 051° 25.00' E	Pirates in skiffs and a mother ship approached the ship underway. They fired rocket-propelled grenades at the ship. Pirates abandoned attempted boarding	-	Master took evasive manoeuvres and sent SSAS	No	The Marshall Islands	-
2	HELLAS SYMPHONY Tanker Greece 27645 9183647	04/07/2010 10:00 UTC	EAST AFRICA Red Sea 15° 18.40' N 041° 49.60' E	Two boats with six to seven pirates in each boat approached the ship at a distance of 300 metres. Alarm raised, crew mustered and anti-piracy measures taken. The security team on board activated Long Range Acoustic Device and after about 10 minutes the pirates abandoned attempted boarding	-	Alarm raised, crew mustered and anti-piracy measures taken. The security team on board the ship activated Long Range Acoustic Device	Yes EUNAVFOR, UKMTO, NATO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	VITAPRIDE Bulk carrier Malta 35884 9074016	09/07/2010 13:50 UTC	EAST AFRICA Red Sea, Gulf of Aden 15° 29.20' N 041° 42.40' E	Pirates in five boats chased the ship underway at high-speed. Master took evasive manoeuvres and fired a rocket flare when the boats were about 100 metres off the ship. Master raised alarm, sounded ship's horn and continued evasive manoeuvres. Master fired two more rocket flares and the pirates abandoned attempted boarding	-	Master raised alarm, sounded ship's horn, fired rocket flares and took evasive manoeuvres	Yes UKMTO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	ITAL GLAMOUR Container ship Italy 46388 8511770	09/07/2010 22:20 UTC	EAST AFRICA North of Bab El Mandeb, Red Sea 13° 20.00' N 042° 55.00' E	Pirates in an unlit boat approached the ship underway. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, activated fire hoses and search lights. Pirates abandoned attempted boarding	-	Increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, activated fire hoses and searchlights	Yes UKMTO, MSCHOA & MARLO	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	JOHAN STAR General cargo ship Malaysia 5148 7707437	14/07/2010 02:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Muri island Indonesia 01° 58.90' N 108° 43.80' E	Nine pirates attempted to board the ship underway. Alert watchman sighted the pirates and raised the alarm. The duty officer took evasive manoeuvres and shouted at the pirates. The pirates abandoned attempted boarding	-	Alert duty raised alarm. Duty officer took evasive manoeuvres	Yes Indonesian Marine Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
6	BOURBON LIBERTY 226 Tug Luxembourg 1790 9562362	18/07/2010 13:17 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Gelasa Straits Indonesia 03° 03.50' S 107° 18.40' E	Three masked pirates in a high-speed boat approached the tug underway. 2/O raised alarm and informed the Master. Crew activated fire monitors. Pirates attempted to attack at port quarter of the tug. Master took evasive manoeuvres and crew activated water spray. Pirates abandoned attempted boarding	-	Master took evasive manoeuvres. 2/O raised alarm and crew activated fire monitors and water spray	Yes Indonesian Navy and Marine Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

7	CLIPPER MORNING Bulk carrier Bahamas 17944 9255191	21/07/2010 12:52 UTC	EAST AFRICA Red Sea 14° 22.00' N 042° 08.00' E	Pirates in two skiffs armed with automatic weapons chased the ship underway. Master raised alarm, alerted crew and enforced anti-piracy measures to prevent boarding. Pirates abandoned attempted boarding	-	Increased speed, sounded ship's horn, enforced anti-piracy measures and contacted coalition naval forces	Yes UKMTO, MARLO, MSCHOA	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	GRINDANGER General cargo ship Singapore 27972 8507212	22/07/2010 18:06 LT	EAST AFRICA Straits of Babel Mandeb Yemen 13° 45.00' N 042° 27.00' E	Armed pirates in six skiffs chased the ship underway. The ship was sailing at 13.5 knots when the pirates approached on both sides. Master took evasive manoeuvres and pirates abandoned attempted boarding	-	Master took evasive manoeuvres, SSAs via VHF Channel 16 and reported the incident to Coalition Forces	Yes UKMTO and MSCHOA	ReCAAP ISC	-
9	DELMAR Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 31261 9330109	30/07/2010 13:20 LT	EAST AFRICA Red Sea 12° 58.35' N 043° 12.09' E	Pirates in eight skiffs chased the ship underway for more than three hours. Master sent SSAS alert and requested military assistance	-	Sent SSAS alert and requested military assistance	Yes UKMTO	The Marshall Islands	-

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	PACIFIC VALKYRIE Tug Singapore 2147 9361653	23/07/2010 05:40 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Malaysia 01° 21.40' N 104° 27.50' E	Two robbers in a small fast craft approached the tug at anchor. Alert crew spotted the craft and directed searchlight towards it. Seeing crew alertness, the robbers abandoned attempted boarding	-	Directed searchlight	Yes Malaysian Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	GEO MARINER Research ship Malta 784 7803126	25/07/2010 02:00	WEST AFRICA Cameroon 04° 16.00' N 008° 52.00' E	Twelve robbers in two boats chased and fired at the ship. Armed guards on board one of four chase boats accompanying the ship returned fire. The robbers moved away	Robbers fired at the ship	-	Yes Douala Port Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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