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MEASURES TO ENHANCE MARITIME SECURITY

‘Pirates and Armed Robbers: Guidelines on Prevention for Masters and Ship Security Officers’

**Submitted by the International Shipping Federation (ISF) and
the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)**

SUMMARY

Executive summary: ISF and ICS have produced a new edition of ‘Pirates and Armed Robbers: Guidelines on Prevention for Masters and Ship Security Officers’, which may be of use to the Sub-Committee when developing competence standards for SSOs. A copy is attached.*

Action to be taken: See paragraph 4

Related documents: STW 35/9/1

1 The Sub-Committee will be aware that ships continue to be confronted with the threat of violent attacks by armed robbers, both at sea and in port. The problems of terrorism and piracy are of course closely related, and the measures that must be taken by ships to prevent armed attacks are essentially the same.

2 ISF and ICS have recently published a new edition of ‘Pirates and Armed Robbers: Guidelines on Prevention for Masters and Ship Security Officers’ which has been expanded and updated to take account of the adoption of the ISPS Code. The previous edition is referred to in IMO Model Course 3.19 on the training of Ship Security Officers.

3 The revised Guidelines provide useful reference material for the training of Ship Security Officers, and may be of interest to the Sub-Committee when considering the development of competence standards for SSOs.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

4 The Sub-Committee is requested to note the publication of the new edition of this Guide and decide accordingly.

* Due to the limited number of copies available, distribution is limited to one copy per delegation at the meeting.