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UNSAFE PRACTICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE TRAFFICKING OR TRANSPORT OF MIGRANTS BY SEA

First biannual report

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventieth session (7 to 11 December 1998), when approving MSC/Circ.896 on Interim measures for combating unsafe practices associated with the trafficking or transport of illegal migrants by sea, invited Member Governments to promptly provide the Organization with reports on relevant incidents and measures taken to enable the updating or revising of the circular.

2 The Committee, at its seventy-third session (27 November to 6 December 2000), agreed to establish a reporting procedure for dissemination by the Secretariat on a biannual basis and urged Governments and international organizations to promptly report all unsafe practices associated with the trafficking or transport of illegal migrants by sea they are aware of.

3 The Committee, at its seventy-fourth session (30 May to 8 June 2001), in the light of the reports recorded and proposals made by Governments, approved amendments to the annex to MSC/Circ.896. The report format appended to MSC/Circ.896/Rev.1 should be used for such reports.

4 Set out in annex 1, in the tabulated format agreed by the Committee, is the summary of 11 reports on incidents, involving 101 migrants, received by the Organization for the period from 1 June to 31 December 2007. Set out in annex 2 are the statistics for the calendar year 2007.

5 The total number of incidents related to unsafe practices associated with the trafficking or transport of migrants by sea so far reported to the Organization from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2007 is 1,253 involving 61,806 migrants.

Unsafe practices associated with the trafficking or transport of migrants by sea

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* Unknown, unreported or not applicable

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4	* * * approx. 20 Wooden fishing boat with inboard motor. Propulsion: diesel * * *	14/10/2007 00:30 ZUL 	Scoglitti beach, South coast of Sicily, Italy	The migrants were intercepted by patrol boats of the Italian Coast Guard	All immigrants were brought to a refugee gathering area in Pozzallo and were taken care of by immigration Authorities *	*	* * *	55 Unknown Female(s) A M Male(s) 55A M	
5	* * * approx. 1 Raft with outboard motor. Propulsion: diesel. Motor: Yamaha 10 CV * * *	05/10/2007 06:23 ZUL 	2 miles South of Pozzallo port, Italy	The migrants were intercepted by patrol boats of the Italian Coast Guard	The boat in which the migrants were transported was confiscated. All immigrants were brought to a refugee gathering area in Pozzallo and were taken care of by immigration Authorities *	*	* * *	19 Palestinian Female(s) A M Male(s) 17A 2M	Italy
6	* * * approx. 1 Glass-reinforced plastic boat with outboard motor. Propulsion: Diesel Motor: Yamaha 40 CV * * *	14/08/2007 03:35 Zulu 	13 nm South West of Pozzallo, Sicily Italy	The migrants were intercepted by patrol boats of the Italian Coast Guard	The boat in which the migrants were transported was confiscated. All immigrants were brought to a refugee gathering area in Pozzallo and were taken care of by immigration Authorities	*	* * *	22 Somali Female(s) 2A 1M Male(s) 17A 2M	Italy

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7	* * * approx.1 Glass-reinforced plastic boat with outboard motor. Propulsion: Diesel Motor: Yamaha 40 CV * * *	09/08/2007 08:20 Zulu 	40 nm South East of Pozzallo, Sicily Italy	The migrants were intercepted by Motor Vessel "CHELYABINSK" and along with patrol boats of the Italian Coast Guard were conducted to Pozzallo port	The boat in which the migrants were transported was confiscated. All immigrants were brought to a refugee gathering area in Pozzallo and were taken care of by immigration Authorities	*	* * *	25 Ivorian Female(s) A M Male(s) 25A M	Italy
8	* * * * Fishing boat Length: 10 m * * *	18/07/2007 10:15 Zulu 	* Italy	The migrants were spotted. Their fishing boat ran aground in Capo Sbaccatore dei Turchi - Augusta	*	*	* * *	70 Unknown Female(s) A M Male(s) 70A M	Italy
9	* * * approx.1 Glass-reinforced plastic boat with outboard motor. Propulsion: Diesel Motor: Yamaha 55 CV * * *	28/06/2007 17:35 Zulu 	25 nm South West of Pozzallo, Sicily Italy	The migrants were intercepted by patrol boats of the Italian Coast Guard	The boat in which the migrants were transported was confiscated. All immigrants were brought to a refugee gathering area in Pozzallo and were taken care of by immigration Authorities	*	* * *	27 Ivorian Female(s) A M Male(s) 27A M	Italy

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10	* * * approx. 1 Glass-reinforced plastic boat * * *	26/06/2007 05:34 Zulu 	off Marina di Modica beach, South Coast of Sicily, Italy	The migrants were intercepted by patrol boats of the Italian Coast Guard	The boat in which the migrants were transported was confiscated. All immigrants were brought to a refugee gathering area in Pozzallo and were taken care of by immigration Authorities	*	* * *	13 Unknown Female(s) 3A 1M Male(s) 9A M	Italy
11	* * * approx. 1 Glass-reinforced plastic boat with outboard motor. Propulsion: Diesel Motor: Yamaha 40 CV * * *	24/06/2007 19:35 Zulu 	8nm South West of Capo Scalambri, Sicily, Italy	The migrants were intercepted by patrol boats of the Italian Coast Guard	The boat in which the migrants were transported was confiscated. All immigrants were brought to a refugee gathering area in Pozzallo and were taken care of by immigration Authorities	*	* * *	13 Somali Female(s) 2A M Male(s) 11A M	Italy

ANNEX 2

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 2007

GENERAL

Attached is the statistical information on “Unsafe practices associated with the trafficking or transport of migrants by sea” prepared on the basis of 90 incidents reported to the Organization in the calendar year 2007 involving 1,637 migrants and 15 countries.

Contracting Governments are invited to provide to the Organization information on “Unsafe practices associated with the trafficking or transport of migrants by sea” in time.

In preparing this document the Secretariat noted that the number of reporting States is very small. From 167 Member States only two have reported incidents to the Organization during the last six months. Turkey has submitted 75 reports and Italy 15.

Taking into account the limited number of reports received by the Organization and the limited number of Member States that have submitted information on incidents related to these unsafe practices during the last four years, Contracting Governments may wish to recall that MSC 73 urged Governments and International Organizations to report promptly all unsafe practices associated with the trafficking or transport of illegal migrants by sea in accordance with, and in the format set out in MSC/Circ.836/Rev.1.

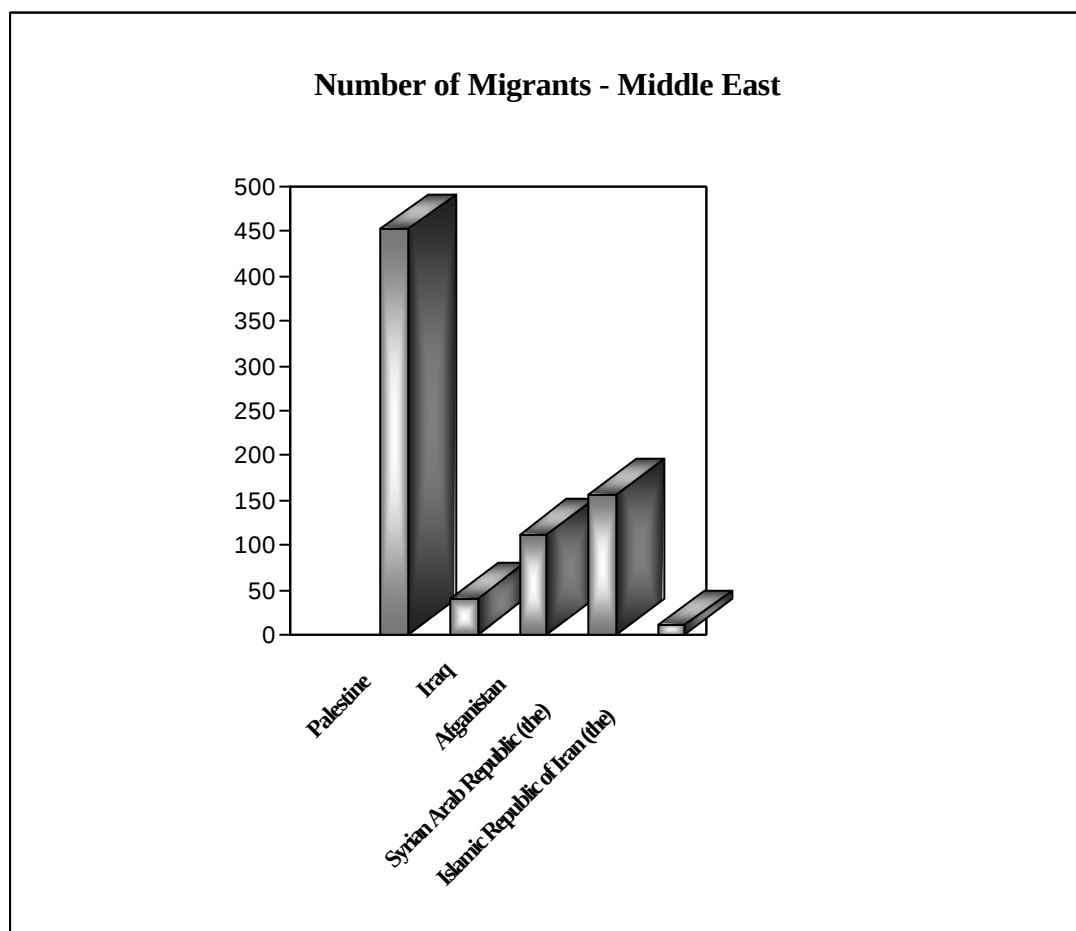
**NUMBER OF MIGRANTS
REPORTED TO THE ORGANIZATION IN 2007**

Country	Nationality	Number of Migrants	%
Afghanistan	Afghan	112	6.84
Algeria	Algerian	6	0.37
Côte d’Ivoire	Ivorian	54	3.30
Eritrea	Eritrean	55	3.36
Georgia	Georgian	6	0.37
Islamic Republic of Iran	Iranian	10	0.61
Iraq	Iraqi	40	2.44
Mauritania	Mauritanian	286	17.47
Rwanda	Rwandan	3	0.18
Somalia	Somali	246	15.03
Syrian Arab Republic (the)	Syrian	156	9.53
Turkey	Turkish	85	5.19
Palestine	Palestinian	452	27.61
Ugandan	Uganda	1	0.06
Unknown		125	7.64
Total		1,637	100.00

MIDDLE EAST

Migrants reported to the Organization in 2007

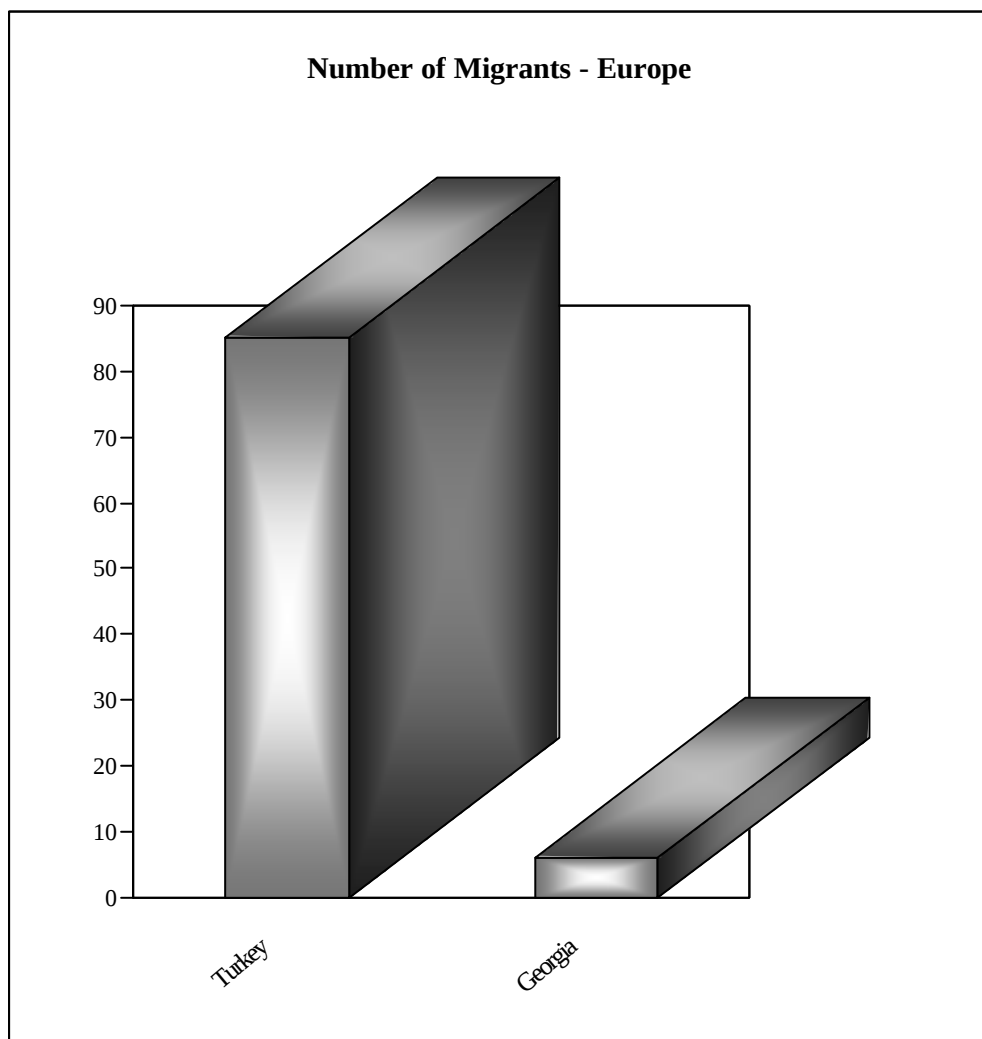
Country	Number of Migrants	%
Palestine	452	58.7
Iraq	40	5.2
Afganistan	112	14.5
Syrian Arab Republic (the)	156	20.3
Islamic Republic of Iran (the)	10	1.3
Total	770	100.0



EUROPE

Migrants reported in 2007

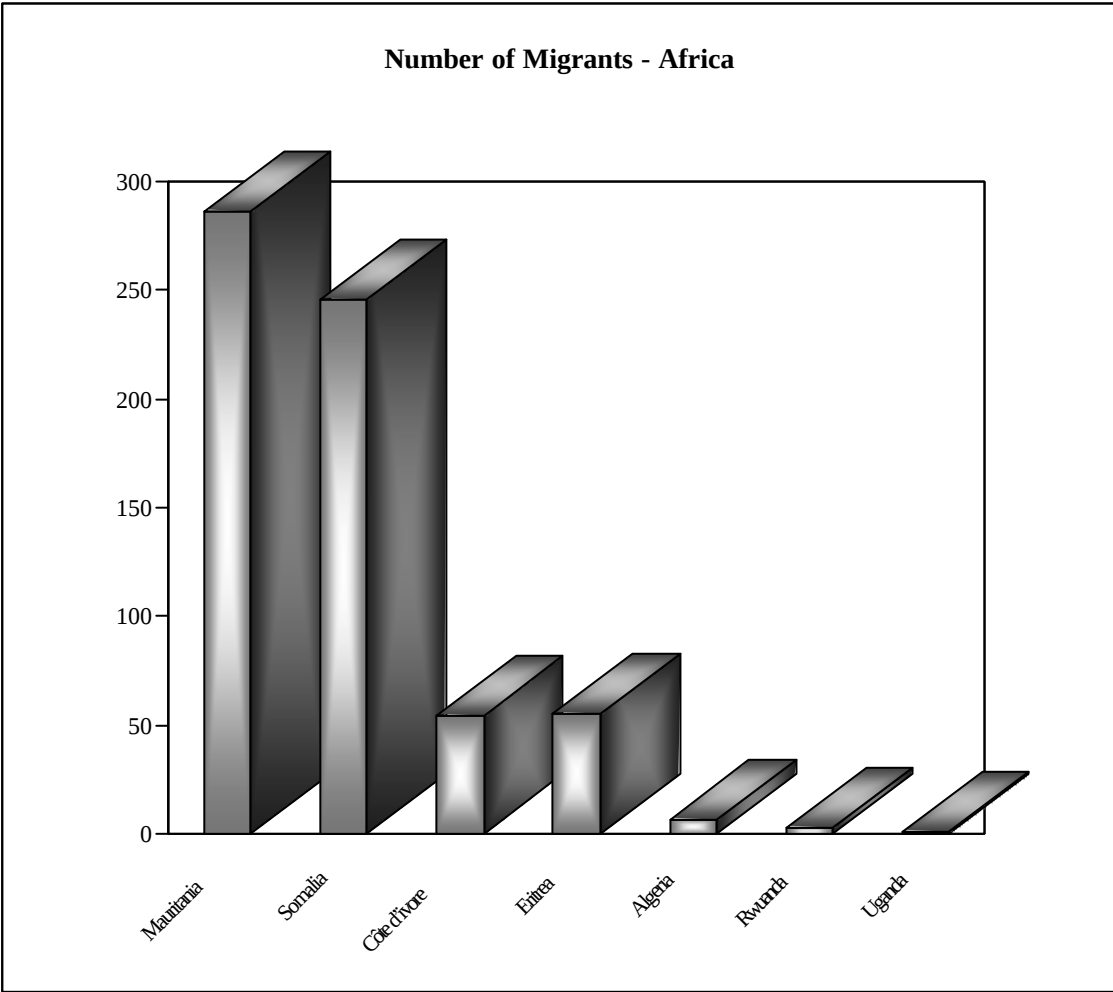
Country	Number of Migrants	%
Turkey	85	93.4
Georgia	6	6.6
Total	91	100.0



AFRICA

Migrants reported in 2007

Country	Migrants	%
Mauritania	286	43.9
Somalia	246	37.8
Côte d’Ivoire	54	8.29
Eritrea	55	8.45
Algeria	6	0.92
Rwanda	3	0.46
Uganda	1	0.15
Total	651	100

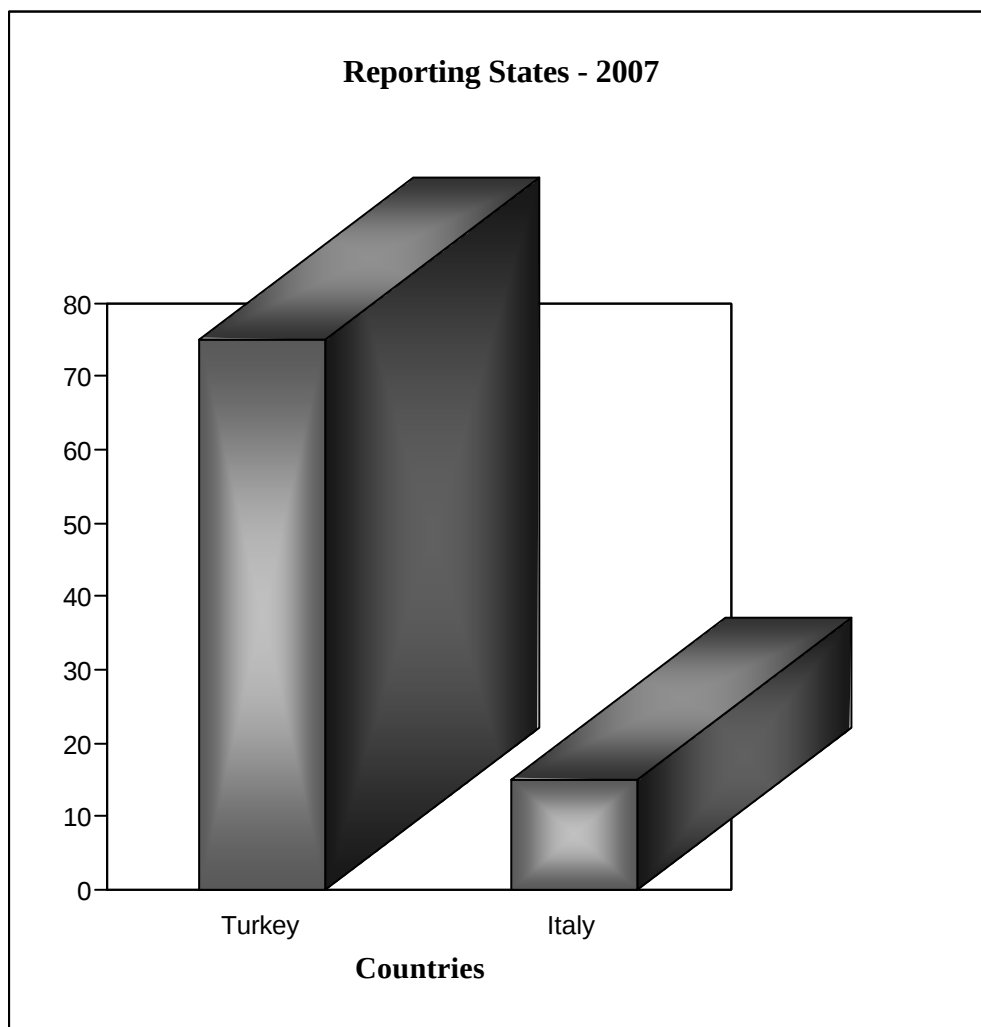


MEMBER STATES THAT REPORTED INCIDENTS DURING 2007

Country	Reports
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Turkey	75
Italy	15

Total	90
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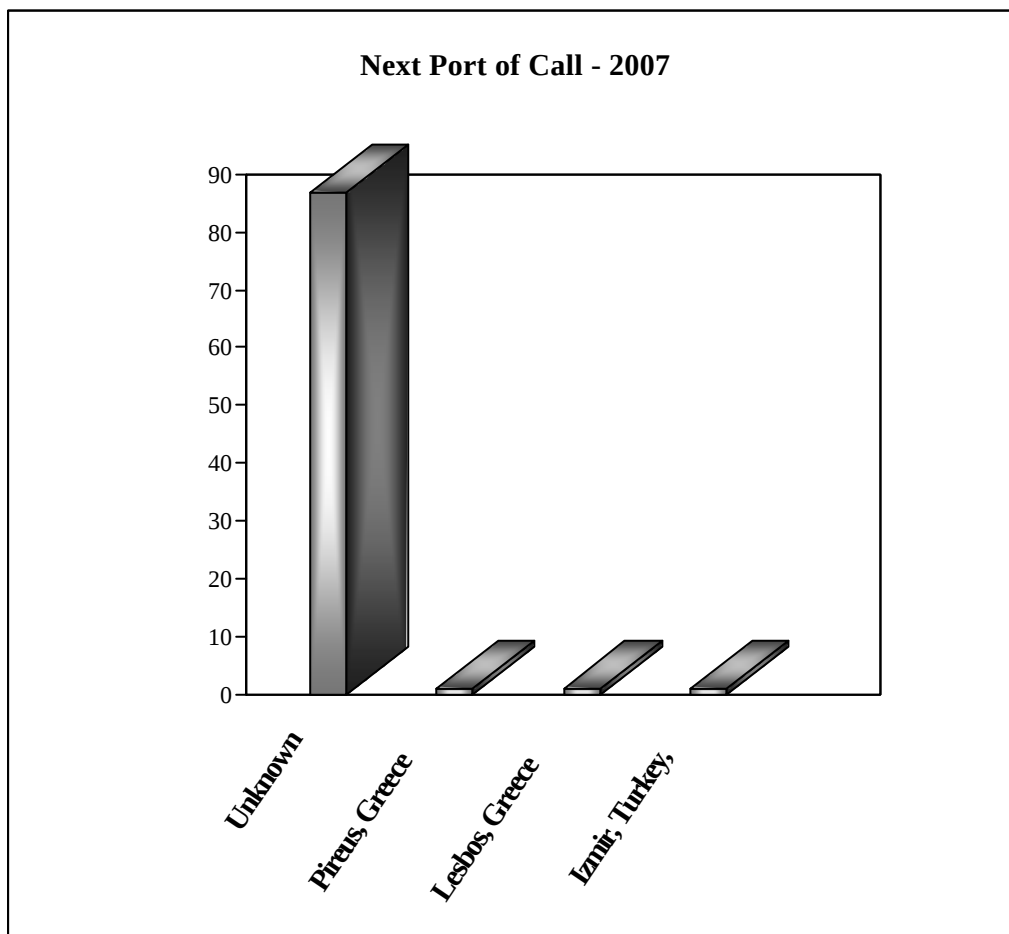


NEXT PORT OF CALL

According to reports Submitted in 2007

Unknown	87
Pireus, Greece	1
Lesbos, Greece	1
Izmir, Turkey,	1

Total **90**



LAST PORT OF CALL

According to reports
Submitted in 2007

Unknown	79
Kudasi, Turkey	3
Izmir, Turkey	1
Behramkale, Turkey	1
Akcakil, Turkey	1
Mersin, Turkey	1
Yesil Liman, Turkey	1
Ayvalik, Turkey	1
Istambul, Turkey	1
Athens, Greece	1
Total	90

