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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), in 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 convey to the Organization 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 5 reports on incidents, involving 310 migrants, received by the Organization for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2009.

5 The Government of Greece provided information to the Organization related to 324 incidents that occurred during the second half of 2009, involving 5,724 migrants, which have been reflected in the statistical information in annex 2.

6 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 is 2,030, involving 77,853 migrants.

ANNEX 1

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

N°	Ship's name Flag Port of registry Gross tonnage Type/Propulsion IMO No. Official/Document No. Call sign	Date Time Name on hull Y/N Port of registry on hull Y/N	Position of the incident	Brief description of the incident	Measures taken Additional comments and recommendations	Voyage (from, date and time of departure (to, estimated date and time of arrival)	Shipowner (nationality) Master (nationality) and crew (number and nationality)	Migrants (number and nationality or region) (females and males: no. of adults (A) and no. of minors (M)) Other persons on board (number and nationality)	MSC.3/Circ.18 ANNEX 1 Page 1 Reporting Administration
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	* * * * Rubber boat with outboard motor. Grey colour * * *	08/10/2009 18:45 ZULU 	30 NM South East of Portopalo, Italy	The migrants were rescued by a unit of the Italian Coast Guard	The boat in which the migrants were transported was confiscated. All migrants were brought to a refugee gathering area in Pozzallo and were taken care of by immigration authorities *.	*	* * *	53 Unknown Female(s) 5A M Male(s) 48A M	Italy
2	* * * * Inflatable boat * * *	20/09/2009 01:55 LT 	Siracusa, Sicily, Italy	The migrants were rescued by a unit of the Italian Coast Guard	The migrants were arrested The migrants did not possess any travel documents	*	* * *	143 Somali Eritrean Female(s) 49A M Male(s) 81A 13M	Italy
3	* * * * Boat with inboard motor * * *	27/08/2009 13:00 LT 	Siracusa Port, Sicily, Italy	The migrants were rescued by a unit of the Italian Coast Guard	The migrants were arrested The migrants did not possess any travel documents	*	* * *	52 Iraqi Pakistani Female(s) 12A M Male(s) 40A M	Italy
4	* * * * Inflatable motor boat * * *	14/08/2009 09:31 LT 	39°14'.00N 26°34'.00E Turkey	The migrants were rescued by a unit of the Turkish Coast Guard	The migrants were arrested The migrants did not possess any travel documents and their nationalities could not be confirmed	*	* * *	35 Unknown Female(s) A M Male(s) A M	Turkey

* Unknown, unreported or not applicable

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	Flag	Port of registry	Gross tonnage	Name on hull	Time							Reporting Administration	
1		Type/Propulsion	IMO No.	Port of registry on hull	Y/N								
	Call sign	Official/Document No.		Y/N									
5	* * * * Inflated rubber boat * * *			30/12/2009 07:40 LT		39°19'.00N 026°30'.00E Turkey	The boat in which the migrants were transported was in distress. The migrants were rescued by a unit of the Turkish Coast Guard	The migrants were arrested The migrants did not possess any travel documents and their nationalities could not be confirmed	*		27 Unknown Female(s) A M Male(s) A M	Turkey	10

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ANNEX 2

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 2009

GENERAL

Attached is the statistical information on “Unsafe practices associated with the trafficking or transport of migrants by sea” prepared on the basis of 381 incidents reported to the Organization in the calendar year of 2009, involving 9,057 migrants.

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

From the statistics it has emerged that 5,266 migrants are from the Middle East, 1,372 from Africa, 47 from Asia and 34 from Europe.

In addition, the Government of Greece informed the Secretariat that during the second half of 2009, 324 incidents related to the transport of illegal migrants by sea occurred in their territorial waters, involving 5,724 migrants.

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, Member States 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.

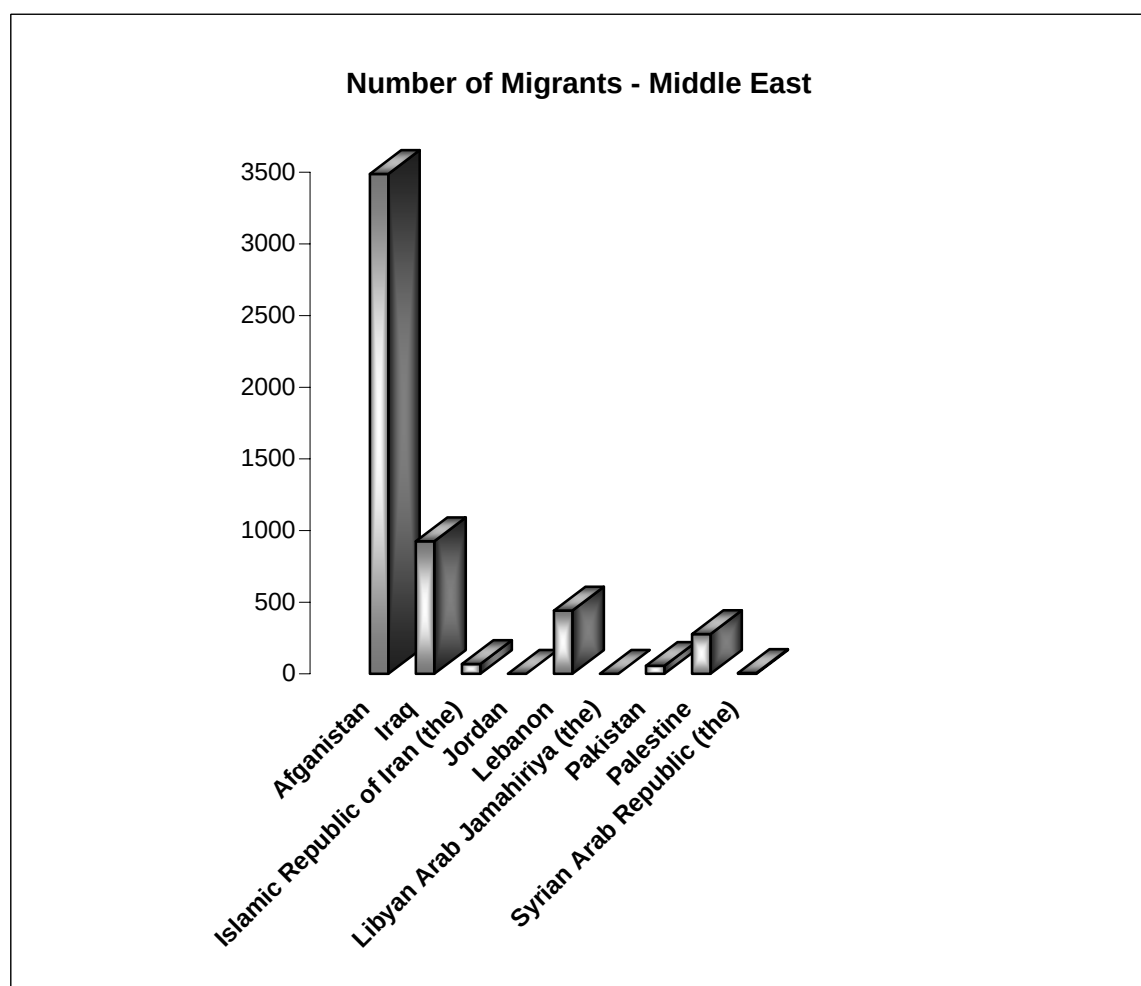
**NUMBER OF MIGRANTS
REPORTED TO THE ORGANIZATION IN 2009**

Country	Nationality	Number of Migrants	%
Afghanistan	Afghan	3,488	38.51
Albania	Albanian	11	0.12
Bangladesh	(of) Bangladesh	8	0.09
Egypt	Egyptian	2	0.02
Eritrea	Eritrean	405	4.47
Ethiopia	Ethiopian	9	0.10
Georgia	Georgian	1	0.01
Guinea	Guinean	1	0.01
Guinea-Bissau	(of) Guinea-Bissau	1	0.01
Iraq	Iraqi	925	10.21
Islamic Republic of Iran	Iranian	69	0.76
Jordan	Jordanian	1	0.01
Lebanon	Lebanese	442	4.88
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (the)	Libyan	1	0.01
Mauritania	Mauritanian	5	0.06
Morocco	Moroccan	1	0.01
Myanmar	of Myanmar	1	0.01
Nepal	Nepalese	1	0.01
Pakistan	Pakistani	56	0.62
Senegal	Senegalese	1	0.01
Somalia	Somali	944	10.42
Sri Lanka	Sri Lankan	37	0.41
Sudan	Sudanese	3	0.03
Syrian Arab Republic (the)	Syrian	6	0.07
Turkey	Turkish	22	0.24
Palestine	Palestinian	278	3.07
<i>Unknown</i>		2,338	25.81
Total		9,057	100.00

MIDDLE EAST

Migrants reported to the Organization in 2009

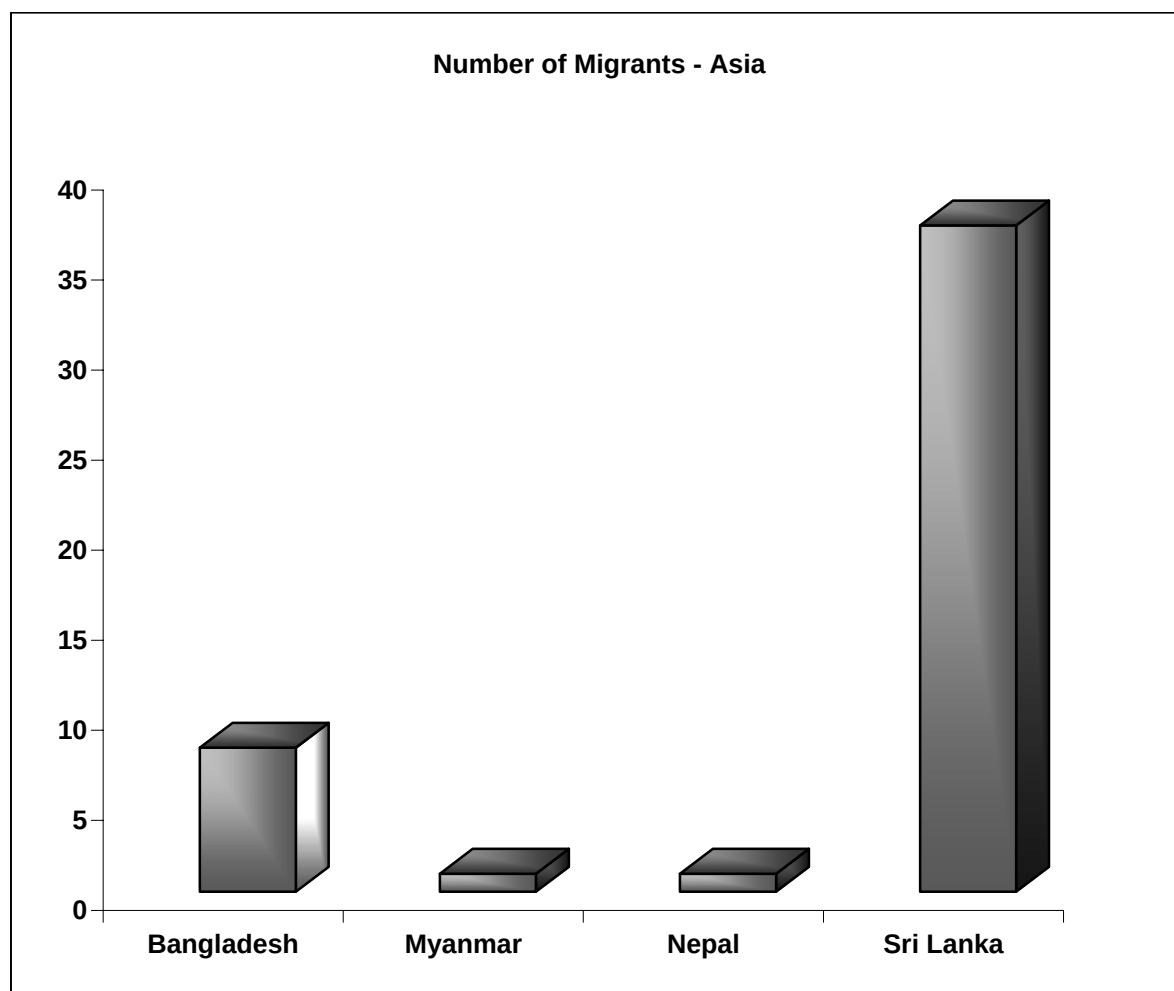
Country	Number of Migrants	%
Afganistan	3,488	66.2
Iraq	925	17.6
Islamic Republic of Iran (the)	69	1.3
Jordan	1	0.0
Lebanon	442	8.4
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (the)	1	0.0
Pakistan	56	1.1
Palestine	278	5.3
Syrian Arab Republic (the)	6	0.1
Total	5,266	100.0



ASIA

Migrants reported in 2009

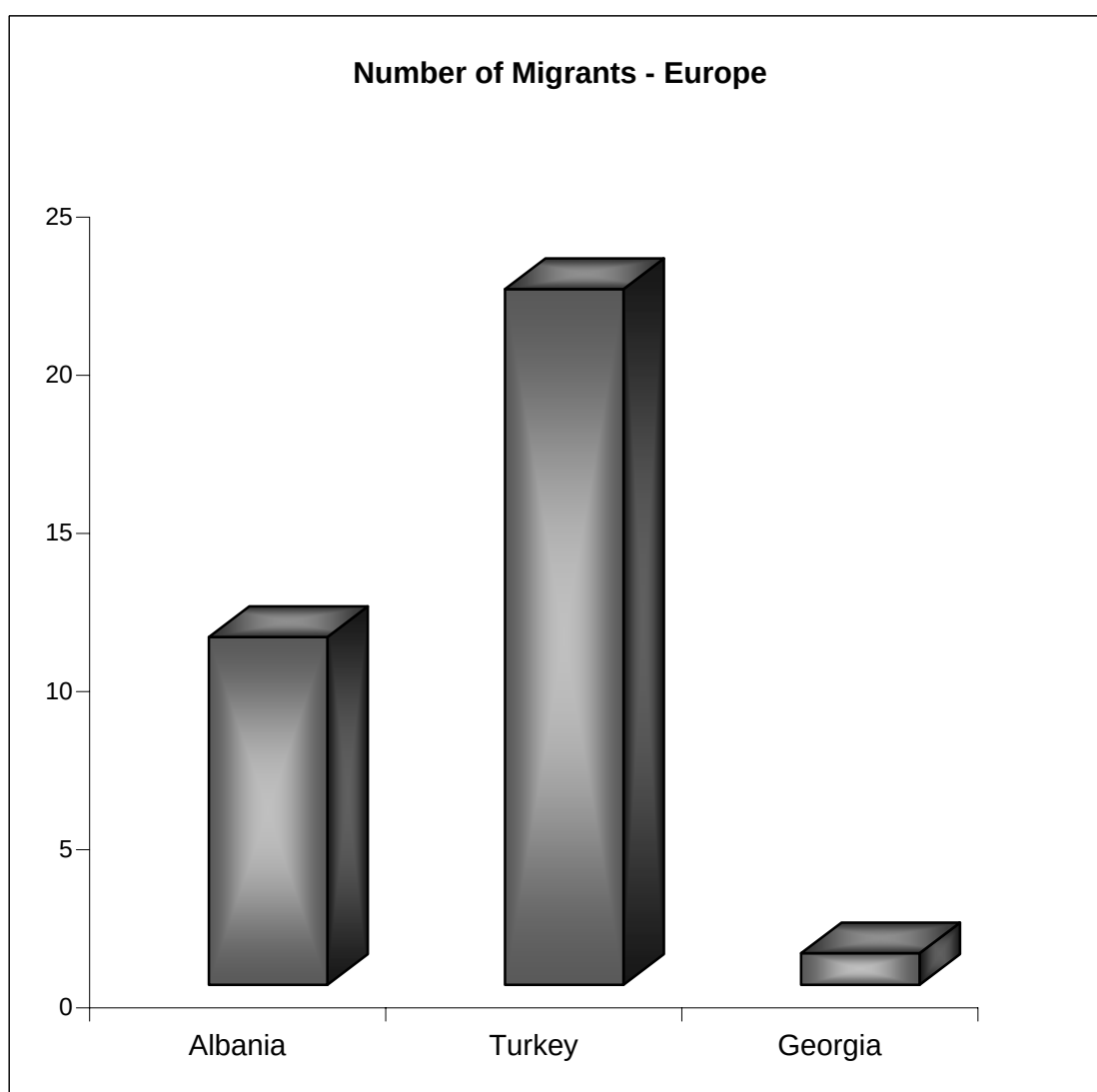
Country	Number of Migrants	%
Bangladesh	8	17.02
Myanmar	1	2.128
Nepal	1	2.128
Sri Lanka	37	78.72
Total	47	100



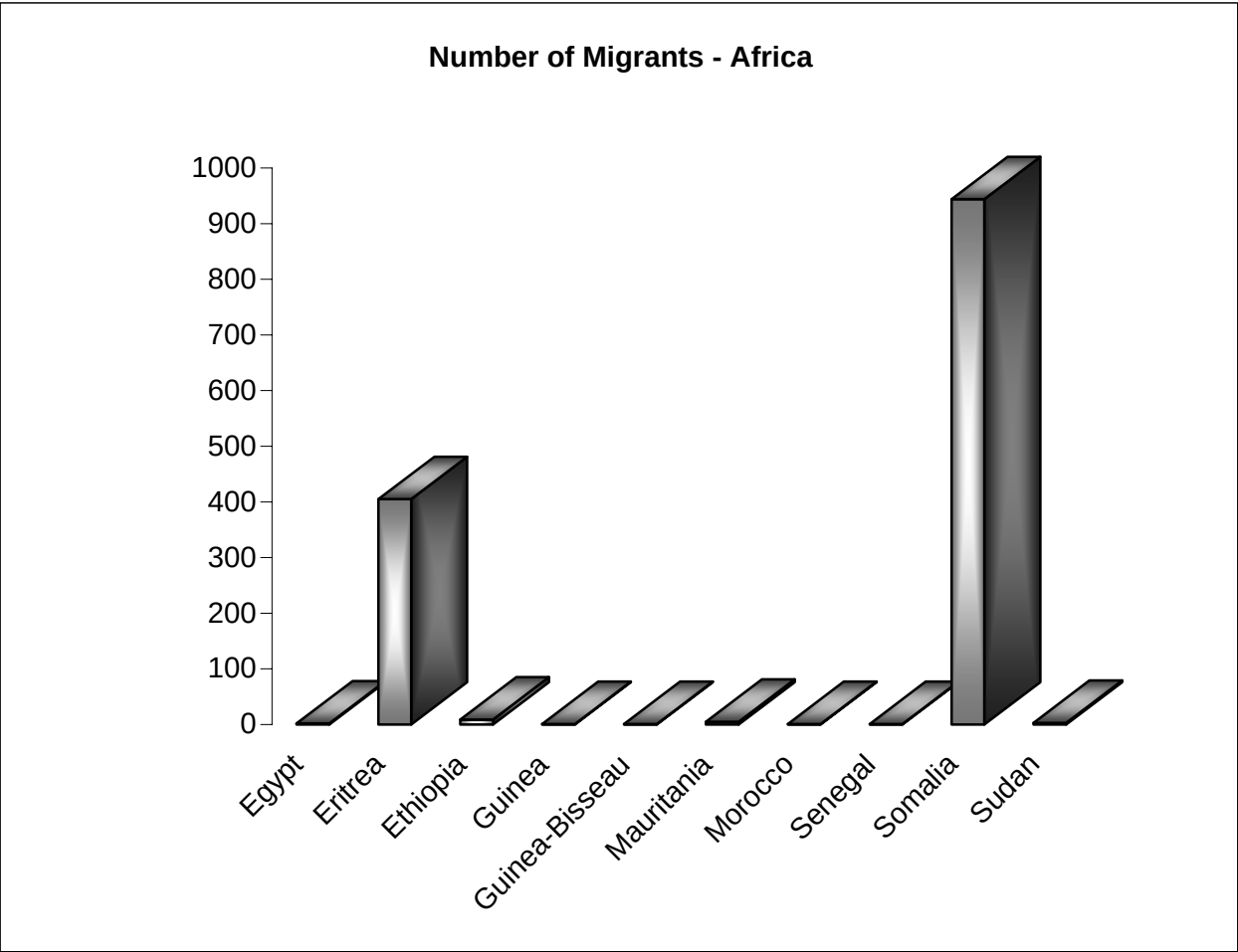
EUROPE

Migrants reported in 2009

Country	Number of Migrants	%
Albania	11	32.35
Turkey	22	64.71
Georgia	1	2.941
Total	34	100

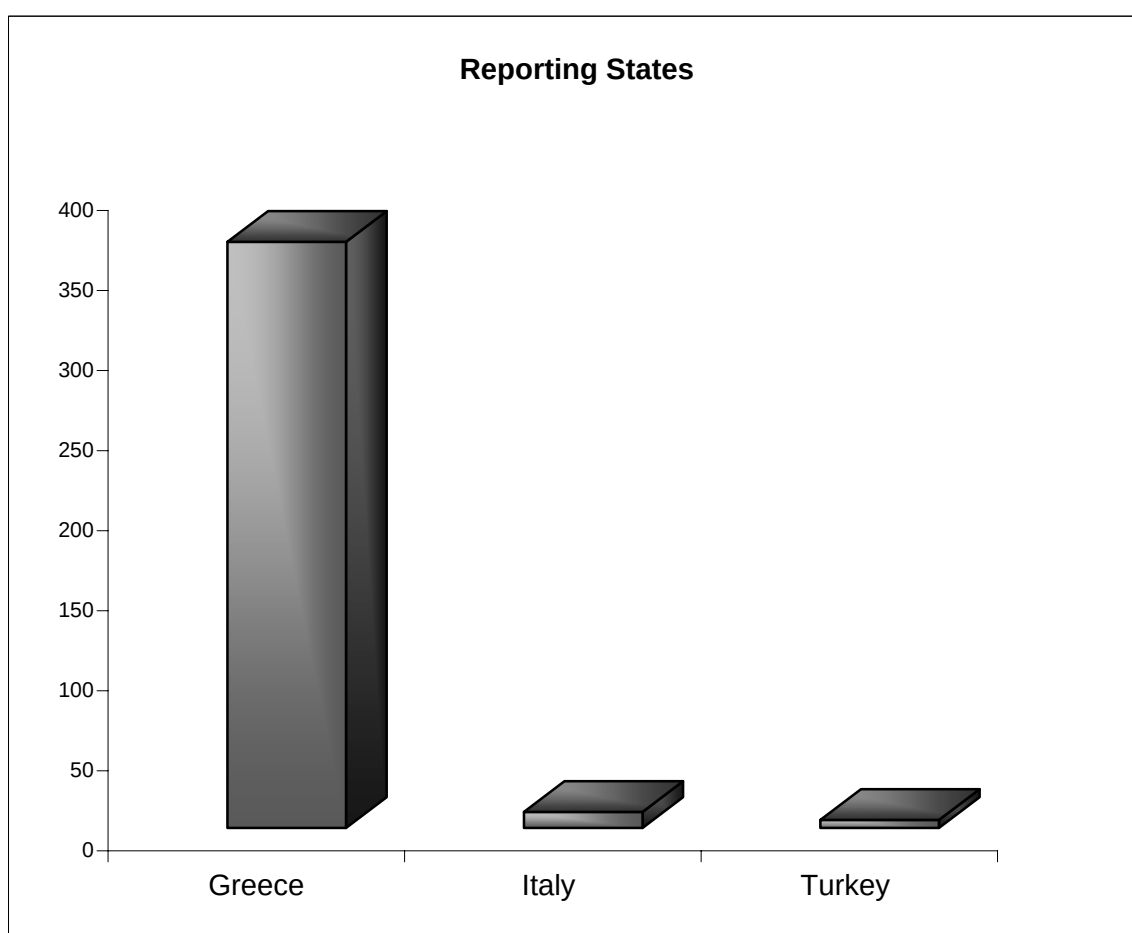


AFRICA		
Country	Migrants	%
Egypt	2	0.15
Eritrea	405	29.5
Ethiopia	9	0.66
Guinea	1	0.07
Guinea-Bisseau	1	0.07
Mauritania	5	0.36
Morocco	1	0.07
Senegal	1	0.07
Somalia	944	68.8
Sudan	3	0.22
Total	1,372	100



MEMBER STATES THAT REPORTED INCIDENTS DURING 2009

Country	Reports
Greece	366
Italy	10
Turkey	5
Total	381

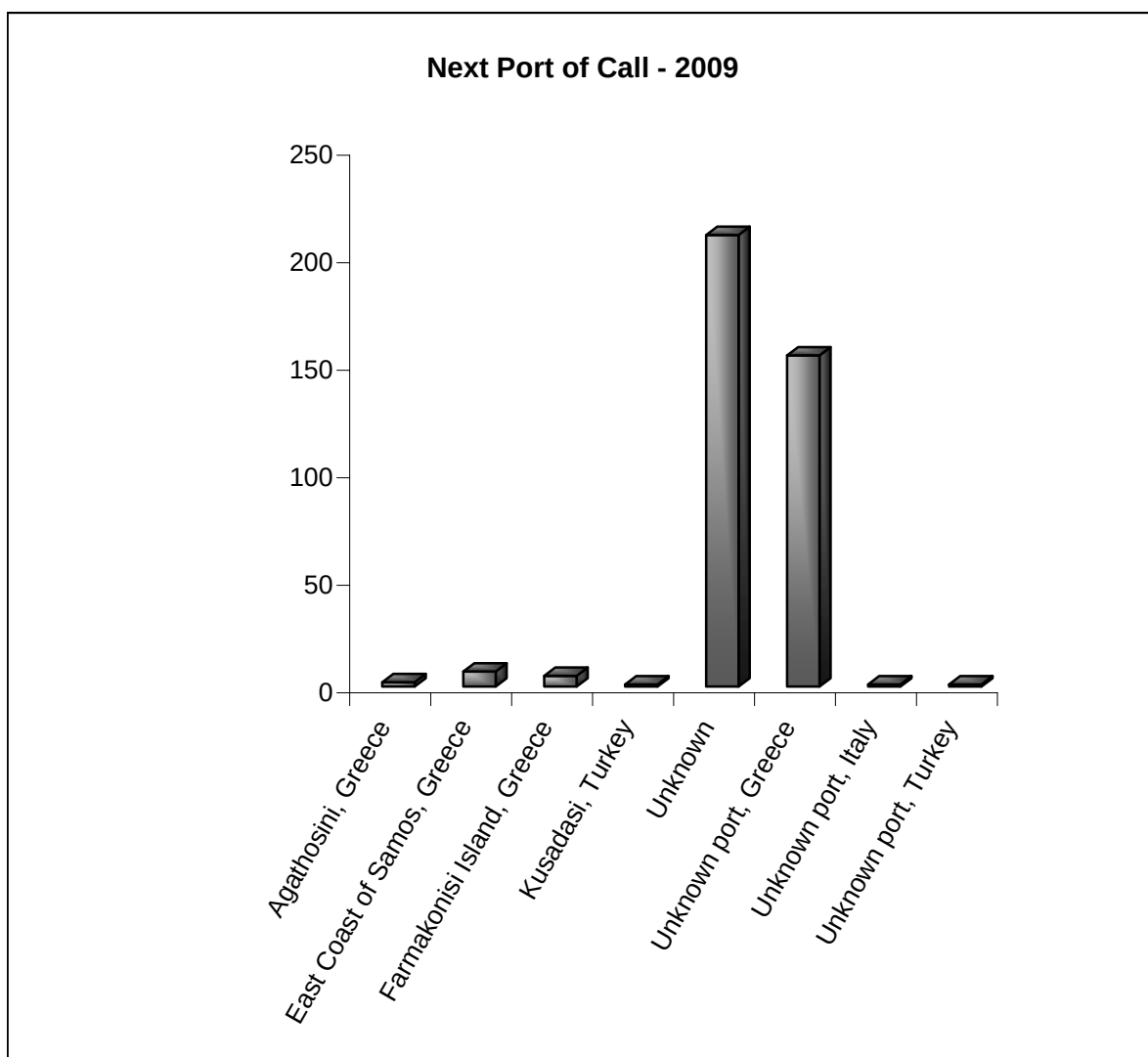


NEXT PORT OF CALL

According to reports Submitted in 2009

Agathosini, Greece	2
East Coast of Samos, Greece	7
Farmakonisi Island, Greece	5
Kusadasi, Turkey	1
Unknown	210
Unknown port, Greece	154
Unknown port, Italy	1
Unknown port, Turkey	1

Total **381**



LAST PORT OF CALL

According to reports
Submitted in 2009

Albania	1
Alexandria, Egypt	1
Gocek, Turkey	1
Kusadasi, Turkey	2
Unknown port, Turkey	215
Unknown	161
Total	381

