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

Fifth 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 Annexed hereto in the tabulated format agreed by the Committee is the summary of 47 reports on incidents, involving 1,051 migrants, received until 25 July 2003.

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 is 431, involving 16,359 migrants.

ANNEX

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

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1	ERCU Turkey * * White wooden fishing boat - Inboard motor * * *	22/02/2002 07:00 LT ☒	Sea area of Kratigos, Mitilini Island, Greece	The migrants were spotted	The migrants did not possess any travel documents	Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* Gurbilek Ilkkan, Turkish, 1986 *	21 Palestinian (1), Somali (20) Female(s) 4A 3M Male(s) 9A 5M *	Greece
2	* Turkey * * Blue speedboat, 5.5m long and 1.75m wide - YAMAHA 115HP * * *	22/09/2002 00:15 LT ☐	1.5 nm E. of Nimos Islet, near Symi Island, Greece	The boat was spotted sailing without navigation lights. After investigation, it was discovered that the migrants had disembarked	The master was arrested	*, 21/09/2002 Symi Island, Greece	Memhmet Unal Cakir Memhmet Unal Cakir, Turkish, 25/04/1962 *	12 Afghan (2), Iranian (5), Iraqi (5) Female(s) 4A 0M Male(s) 8A 0M *	Greece
3	DADDY GEORGE Italy * * Blue plastic sailing boat - Inboard diesel motor * * *	25/09/2002 09:45 LT ☒	Tsilaros Bay, Metohi, Euboea Island, Greece	The migrants were disembarked at Metohi. The boat was spotted off the east coasts of Euboea Island	Two members of the crew were arrested and the migrants were given shelter	Didim, Turkey, 23/09/2002 23:00:00 East coasts of Euboea Island, Greece	* Olcay Canlica, Turkish, 06/09/1976 1 Turkish	45 Chinese, Iraqi, Pakistan Female(s) 4A 0M Male(s) 40A 1M *	Greece
4	* * * * * * * *	01/10/2002 09:00 LT ☐	Pamfila, Mitilini Island, Greece	The migrants were spotted	The migrants were arrested The migrants did not possess any travel documents	Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* * *	4 Afghan Female(s) 0A 0M Male(s) 4A 0M *	Greece

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5	* * * * White speedboat, 12m long (according to migrants' statements) * * *	04/10/2002 05:00 LT ☐ ☐	Hali coast, Kalymnos Island, Greece	The migrants were spotted		* Greek coast	* * *	8 Palestinian Female(s) 2A 1M Male(s) 5A 0M *	Greece
6	* * * About 25 Fishing boat with motor * * *	04/10/2002 17:49 Z ☐ ☐	35°16'.00N 015°37'.00E 8 miles South of Cape Passero, Sicily, Italy	The boat transporting the migrants was sighted and reported by the Italian fishing boat MARIA MADRE	The vessel was monitored by the fishing boat until the arrival in the area of Coast Guard and other military patrol boats. Because of its critical stability the boat was escorted to Pozzallo harbour where it berthed at 20:56UTC. The migrants were brought to a place of refuge in Pozzallo and taken care of by the immigration Authorities	* Sicilian coast, Italy	* * Possibly 4 *	148 Eritrean, Somali Female(s) 39 in total, *A *M Male(s) 90 in total, *A *M, both genders 19M *	Italy
7	MARIALENA Greece Piraeus 28.77 Plastic sailing boat 14.94m long - Volvo Penta TMD 229, 78 HP * 7180 *	08/10/2002 22:30 LT ☒ ☐	39°39'.00N 022°55'.00E East of Pilio, Greece	The migrants were first disembarked on the coast south of Dermatas Cape and were subsequently transferred by speedboat		Kantarli bay, Turkey Pilio, Greece	Odantzis Stylianos Andrianopoulos Stavros, Greek, 1948 3 *	70 Unknown Female(s) 3A 0M Male(s) 61A 6M *	Greece

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8	AY CARDESLER Turkey * * Wooden fishing boat * * *	09/10/2002 02:30 LT ☒ ☐	39°19'.00N 026°27'.00E * Greece	The boat with the migrants on board was spotted		Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* * 2 Turkish	22 Somali Female(s) 14A 2M Male(s) 6A 0M *	Greece
9	* * * * Wooden boat about 10m long (according to migrants' statements) * * *	21/10/2002 01:00 LT ☐ ☐	Farmakonisi Island, Greece	The migrants were spotted on the island	The migrants were arrested	Turkish coasts, 20/10/2002 21:00:00 Farmakonisi Island, Greece	* *, Turkish *	4 Palestinian Female(s) 1A 0M Male(s) 1A 2M *	Greece
10	* * * * 2 inflated plastic boats * * *	26/10/2002 09:00 LT ☐ ☐	Sea area of Thermi, Mitilini Island, Greece	The migrants were spotted	The migrants were arrested whilst disembarking	Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* * *	6 Afghan Female(s) 0A 0M Male(s) 6A 0M *	Greece
11	* * * * Inflated plastic boat * * * *	29/10/2002 05:40 LT ☐ ☐	Sea area of Kalamari, Mitilini Island, Greece	The migrants were spotted	The migrants were arrested 1nm off the coast of Kalamari The migrants did not possess any travel documents	Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* * *	4 Afghan Female(s) 0A 0M Male(s) 4A 0M *	Greece

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12	* Turkey * * * * *	03/11/2002 07:20 LT ☐ ☐	Barbalias Islet, North- East of Mitilini Island, Greece	The migrants were spotted after they were disembarked from a boat which returned to Turkey (according to their statements)	The migrants were arrested The migrants did not possess any travel documents	Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* * *	23 Eritrean (9), Ethiopian (6), Somali (1), Sri Lankan (2), Sudanese (5) Female(s) 16A 0M Male(s) 6A 1M *	Greece
13	GONDA Ukraine * * Wooden boat about 15m long - two engines * * *	05/11/2002 LT ☒ ☐	Aderfi Islet, near Alonnisos Island, Greece	The boat grounded on the islet	The migrants traders and the migrants were arrested and taken to Volos	Izmir, Turkey, 03/11/2002 *	* Batan Volodymyr, Ukrainian, 29/11/1976 1 Ukrainian	100 Chinese (16), Indian (6), Iraqi (29), Pakistan (49) Female(s) 10A 0M Male(s) 74A 16M *	Greece
14	* * * * Inflated rowboat * * *	14/11/2002 00:03 LT ☐ ☐	39°07'.00N 026°35'.00E Sea area of Akra Mahera, Mitilini Island, Greece	The migrants were spotted	The migrants were arrested The migrants did not possess any travel documents	Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* * *	4 Afghan Female(s) 0A 0M Male(s) 4A 0M *	Greece
15	* * * * Inflated rowboat * * * *	18/11/2002 04:10 LT ☐ ☐	Sea area of Akra Mahera, Mitilini Island, Greece	The migrants were spotted	The migrants were arrested The migrants did not possess any travel documents	Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* * *	4 Afghan Female(s) 0A 0M Male(s) 4A 0M *	Greece
16	* * * * Inflated rowboat * * * *	20/11/2002 06:00 LT ☐ ☐	Sea area of Akra Mahera, Mitilini Island, Greece	The migrants were spotted	The migrants were arrested The migrants did not possess any travel documents	Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* * *	2 Afghan Female(s) 0A 0M Male(s) 2A 0M *	Greece

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17	* * * * Wooden black boat about 10m long * * *	20/11/2002 06:30 LT 	Farmakonisi Island, near Leros Island, Greece	The migrants were spotted	The migrants were taken to Leros Island	Turkey, 20/11/2002 02:00:00 *	* * 1 Turkish	30 Ethiopian (7), Sri Lankan (1), Sudanese (22) Female(s) 10A 3M Male(s) 15A 2M *	Greece
18	* * * * Wooden white boat about 15m long (according to migrants' statements) * * *	26/11/2002 00:15 LT 	Leros Island, Greece	The migrants were spotted	The migrants were arrested	Turkey *	* * *	21 Eritrean (4), Ethiopian (6), Iranian (1), Somali (3), Sudanese (7) Female(s) 10A 0M Male(s) 11A 0M *	Greece
19	* * * * * * * *	29/11/2002 10:00 LT 	Mitilini Island, Greece	The migrants were spotted	The migrants were arrested. The migrants did not possess any travel documents	Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* * *	4 Afghan Female(s) 0A 0M Male(s) 4A 0M *	Greece
20	* * * * * * * *	30/11/2002 09:00 LT 	Mitilini Island, Greece	The migrants were spotted	The migrants were arrested. The migrants did not possess any travel documents	Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* * *	2 Afghan Female(s) 0A 0M Male(s) 2A 0M *	Greece

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21	SALDIRAM Turkey Dikili * Wooden boat about 8.5m long - Inboard motor Pancar * 35-15D-1380 *	03/12/2002 02:10 LT ☐ ☒	Sea area of Pamfylos Islet, Mitilini Island, Greece	The boat was spotted. She grounded while attempting to sail away	The migrants and the Captain were arrested	Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* Mehmet Oz, Turkish, 1975 *	15 Afghan (4), Iraqi (11) Female(s) 1A 0M Male(s) 14A 0M *	Greece
22	* * * * * * *	19/12/2002 11:00 LT ☐ ☐	Agia Irini of Euboea Island, Greece	The migrants traders were spotted after disembarking the migrants. The boat used for the transfer of the migrants sank	The migrants traders were arrested and the migrants were given shelter	Izmir, Turkey, 16/12/2002 E. coasts of Euboea Island, Greece	* Seihan Sari, Turkish, 23/03/1956 1 Turkish	26 Chinese, Pakistan, Palestinian, Turkish Female(s) 2A 0M Male(s) 24A 0M *	Greece
23	* * * * Wooden boat about 10-15m long (according to migrants' statements) * * *	22/12/2002 23:35 LT ☐ ☐	Leros Island, Greece	The migrants were spotted	The migrants were arrested	Turkey *	* * *	32 Afghan (1), Eritrean (5), Ethiopian (5), Palestinian (2), Sri Lankan (1), Sudanese (18) Female(s) 8A 1M Male(s) 22A 1M *	Greece
24	MEGALOHARI Greece Piraeus 20.54 White wooden passenger boat 15.2m long and 4.68m wide - One engine 150HP * 6787 SX 9833	23/12/2002 21:30 LT ☒ ☒	Alonaki coast, South- east coast of Corfu Island, Greece	The migrants had been transported from Athens to Lefkada Island by trucks and were heading for Italy. The vessel grounded off the Alonaki coast. 160 migrants safely reached the coasts, two drowned and one is missing	On 26/12/2002 one migrant trader was arrested. The migrants were taken to Athens	Lefkada Island, Greece 22/12/2002 Italy	Kefalas Christos Hantzaridis Vasilios, Greek, 23/02/1961 *	163 Iraqi Female(s) 3A 2M Male(s) 158A 0M *	Greece

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25	* * * * Plastic, inflated speedboat - 350HP * * *	25/12/2002 05:20 LT ☐ ☐	37°58'.2N 026°10'.2E 11nm S.E. of Venetiko Islet, near Chios Island, Greece	The boat, which nearly sank, was spotted	Of the 20 migrants on board 12 were rescued, 3 were recovered dead and 5 remain missing. Of the two migrant traders, one was recovered dead	Turkish coast, 25/12/2002 03:00:00 *	* Panagopoulos Nikolaos, Greek, 29/04/1958 1 *	20 Pakistan Female(s) 0A 0M Male(s) 20A 0M *	Greece
26	MUSSON Russia * * Boat about 25m long - One engine * * *	31/12/2002 12:30 LT ☒ ☐	Achilleio of Magnysia, Greece	The migrants were spotted	The migrants were arrested. One migrant trader was arrested and the others escaped and fled inland	Strait of Canakkale, Turkey Achilleio, Magnysia, Greece	* * 5 Ukranian (4), Russian (1)	26 Afghan (1), Bangladesh (1), Iraqi (21), Palestinian (3) Female(s) 2A 0M Male(s) 20A 4M *	Greece
27	* * * * Plastic, grey and red speedboat 5,3 m long - Outboard motor, SUZUKI 140HP * * *	02/01/2003 11:45 LT ☐ ☐	Sea area of Xampelia, Mitilini Island, Greece	The migrants were spotted near a Turkish speedboat which (according to their statements) was used for their transport		Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* Gauli Gok Han, Turkish, 1984 *	10 Iraqi Female(s) 0A 0M Male(s) 10A 0M *	Greece
28	* * * * * * * *	05/01/2003 15:00 LT ☐ ☐	Area of Kratigos, Mitilini Island, Greece	The migrants were spotted	The migrants were arrested. The migrants did not possess any travel documents	Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* * *	10 Iraqi Female(s) 0A 0M Male(s) 10A 0M *	Greece

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29	* * * * Wooden boat about 12m long * * *	21/01/2003 08:00 LT 	Farmakonisi Island, Greece	The migrants were spotted	The migrants were arrested	Turkish coast Greece	* *, Turkish *	32 Afghan (4), Eritrean (2), Ethiopian (2), Iraqi (1), Sudanese (23) Female(s) 4A 0M Male(s) 28A 0M *	Greece
30	* * * * * * *	26/01/2003 08:30 LT 	Sea area of Fikiotripa, Mitilini Island, Greece	The migrants were spotted	The migrants were arrested. The migrants did not possess any travel documents	Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* * *	2 Iranian Female(s) 0A 0M Male(s) 2A 0M *	Greece
31	* * * * Plastic boat about 3.5m long * * *	01/03/2003 07:15 LT 	8 nm E. of Zourafa Islet, near Alexandroupolis port, Greece	The migrants were spotted in a plastic boat by a fisherman who picked them up and took them to the port of Alexandroupolis		* *	* * *	6 Armenian (3), Turkish (1), Ukrainian (2) Female(s) 4A 0M Male(s) 2A 0M *	Greece
32	* * * * Small wooden boat between 6 and 7m long (according to migrants' statements) * * *	06/03/2003 00:30 LT 	South coast of Farmakonisi Island, Greece	The migrants were spotted		Turkey, 05/03/2003 20:30:00 Greece	* * 1 Turkish	27 Ethiopian (1), Ivorian (1), Palestinian (1), Sri Lankan (1), Sudanese (23) Female(s) 4A 0M Male(s) 23A 0M *	Greece

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33	* * * * * * *	06/03/2003 08:15 LT 	Pserimos Island (near Kalymnos Island), Greece	The migrants were spotted	The migrants were arrested. All the migrants were carrying passports	Turkish coast Greek coast	* * *	4 Iranian Female(s) 0A 0M Male(s) 2A 2M *	Greece
34	* * * * * * *	11/03/2003 17:55 LT 	Port of Mitilini Island, Greece	The migrants were spotted at the port whilst trying to board the passenger ship "MYTILINI" heading for Piraeus	The migrants were arrested The migrants did not possess any travel documents	Dikili, Turkey, Mitilini Island, Greece	* * *	2 Iraqi Female(s) 0A 0M Male(s) 2A 0M *	Greece
35	* * * * * * *	30/03/2003 13:00 LT 	Area of Palios, Mitilini Island, Greece	The migrants were spotted	The migrants were arrested The migrants did not possess any travel documents	Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* * *	23 Iraqi Female(s) 5A 8M Male(s) 9A 1M *	Greece
36	* * * * Small wooden boat approx. 5-6m long (according to migrants' statements) * * *	04/04/2003 02:00 LT 	South coast of Farmakonisi Island, Greece	The migrants were spotted	The migrants were transferred to Leros island	Turkey Greece	* *, Turkish *	19 Ethiopian (6), Iranian (1), Palestinian (4), Sri Lankan (1), Sudanese (7) Female(s) 7A 0M Male(s) 12A 0M *	Greece

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37	UGUR Turkey Aivali * Wooden fishing boat - Diesel motor * * *	05/04/2003 01:00 LT ☒ ☒	39°15'.00N 026°29'.00E Sea area of Xampelia, Mitilini Island, Greece	The boat was spotted with one migrant trader and the migrants on board	The migrants did not possess any travel documents	Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* Kaplan Abdullah- Abuzer, Turkish, 20/12/1975 *	12 Iraqi (11), Turkish (1) Female(s) 0A 0M Male(s) 12A 0M *	Greece
38	* * * * Inflated rowboat * * *	23/04/2003 04:30 LT ☐ ☐	39°23'.00N 026°21'.00E Sea area of Akra Koraka, Mitilini Island, Greece	The migrants who were coming from Turkey were spotted on board the boat	The migrants were arrested The migrants did not possess any travel documents	Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* * *	2 Afghan Female(s) 0A 0M Male(s) 2A 0M *	Greece
39	TUFAN Turkey Aivali * Wooden motorboat 7m long and 1.8m wide * * *	27/04/2003 07:00 LT ☒ ☒	Nea Kydonia beach, Mitilini Island, Greece	The crew members were arrested at Nea Kydonia. During questioning it was uncovered that they had transferred nine migrants from Turkey to Mitilini Island		Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* * 2 Turkish	9 Unknown Female(s) *A *M Male(s) *A *M *	Greece
40	* * * * Inflated rowboat * * * *	30/04/2003 07:00 LT ☐ ☐	Waterfront of Mitilini Island, Greece	The migrants were arrested at Mitilini Island port. The migrants did not possess any travel documents		Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* * *	4 Afghan Female(s) 0A 0M Male(s) 4A 0M *	Greece
41	* * * * Two inflated rowboats * * * *	03/05/2003 07:00 LT ☐ ☐	Sea area of Mavrovouni, Mitilini Island, Greece	The migrants were arrested. The migrants did not possess any travel documents		Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* * *	4 Afghan Female(s) 0A 0M Male(s) 4A 0M *	Greece

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42	* * * * * * *	05/05/2003 17:05 LT ☐	Port of Mitilini Island, Greece	The migrants were spotted while trying to board a passenger ship scheduled to sail to Piraeus	The migrants were arrested	Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* * *	2 Afghan Female(s) 0A 0M Male(s) 2A 0M *	Greece
43	DENIZ 1 Turkey Adramyti * White wooden fishing boat 12.3m long and 3.2m wide - Inboard motor * * *	11/05/2003 05:00 LT ☒ ☒	Sea area of Palios, Mitilini Island, Greece	The migrants disembarked at Palios	The migrants were arrested	Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* Canyildiz Cengiz, Turkish, 1973 *	42 Burkina Faso (1), Ethiopian (6), Somali (1), Sri Lankan (1), Sudanese (33) Female(s) 7A 0M Male(s) 35A 0M *	Greece
44	* * * * Two inflated rowboats * * *	14/05/2003 05:30 LT ☐	Sea area of Fikiotripa, Mitilini Island, Greece		The migrants were arrested off the coast. The migrants did not possess any travel documents	Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* * *	4 Afghan Female(s) 0A 0M Male(s) 4A 0M *	Greece
45	AFAT Turkey Aivali * White wooden fishing boat 8m long and 3m wide * * *	16/05/2003 01:30 LT ☒ ☒	Sea area of Kratigos, Mitilini Island, Greece		The migrants were arrested. The migrants did not possess any travel documents	Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* Kamali Sevkett, Turkish, 1966 *	12 Iranian (5), Palestinian (1), Sudanese (6) Female(s) 0A 0M Male(s) 12A 0M *	Greece

* Unknown, unreported or not applicable

Nº	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. 5 ANNEX Page 12
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46	* * * * Two inflated rowboats * * *	16/05/2003 07:00 LT 	Sea area of Fikiotripa, Mitilini Island, Greece		The migrants were arrested 1nm off the coast. The migrants did not possess any travel documents	Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* * *	6 Afghan Female(s) 0A 0M Male(s) 6A 0M *	Greece
47	* * * * * * * *	16/05/2003 07:30 LT 	Sea area of Kratigos, Mitilini Island, Greece		The migrants were arrested. The migrants did not possess any travel documents	Aivali, Turkey Mitilini Island, Greece	* * *	3 Somali (1), Sudanese (2) Female(s) 0A 0M Male(s) 3A 0M *	Greece

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