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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 31 October 2001 and 30 November 2001, including a distinction between acts of piracy, acts of armed robbery against ships (Annex 1) and attempted attacks (Annex 2).

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 2,485, an increase of 25 since 31 October 2001.

3 Previous incidents reported to the Organization since the fifty-ninth session of the Committee have been circulated by various MSC circulars, those issued during the current year being MSC/Circ.989, MSC/Circ.990, MSC/Circ.992, MSC.4/Circ.1, MSC.4/Circ.2, MSC.4/Circ.3, MSC.4/Circ.5, MSC.4/Circ.6, MSC.4/Circ.7 and MSC.4/Circ.9.

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 draft Code of Practice for the Investigation of the Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships (MSC/Circ.984) (article 2.2) as follows:

"Armed robbery against ships means any unlawful act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of "piracy", directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such ship, within a State's jurisdiction over such offences."

ANNEX 1

Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly committed against ships reported by Member States or international organizations in consultative status

Nº	Ship's name Type of ship Flag Gross tonnage IMO No.	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. 10 ANNEX 1 Page 1
									Action by the coastal State
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	ARUBA Reefer Netherlands 4190 8812796	25/10/2001	Alongside Pier 6, Algiers (Algeria)	Armed robbers boarded the ship via the fore and aft mooring ropes and later escaped when spotted by the crew	-	Duty watch raised alarm	Yes. Algiers port authority informed	ICS	-
2	FEN SHENG General cargo ship Hong Kong, China 5825 7801506	08/11/2001 04:50 LT	Belawan Port (Indonesia)	Seven robbers armed with knives and iron bars, boarded the ship, while at anchor. They held a duty A/B and broke into a welded paint store. Duty officer spotted them and raised the alarm. The robbers jumped overboard and escaped in their speed boat	30 drums of paints stolen	Duty officer raised the alarm	Yes. Local agent in Belawan and PUSKODAL, Jakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
3	BARA	15/11/2001 14:00 LT	IBT Anchorage Pulau Laut (Indonesia)	During heavy rain, armed robbers boarded the ship, while at anchor, through hawse pipe	One liferaft and a mooring rope stolen	-	Yes. SAR Djakarta and PUSKODAL informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
4	SMIT-LLOYD Supply ship Bahamas 1292 7402415	17/11/2001 06:15 LT	Belawan Port (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship, while berthed and broke the port hole glass of Chief Engineer's cabin. The duty watchman spotted them on the quay when escaping	Chief Engineer's personal belongings stolen	-	Yes. SAR/PUSKODAL, Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
5	BUNGA MELAWIS SATU Chemical tanker Malaysia 6544 9127291	19/11/2001 05:45 LT	00°43'.60N 103°36'.50E Durian Straits (Indonesia)	Six robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship, while underway. They entered crew accommodation and held hostage the Electrical Engineer, Chief Mate and a Deck Cadet. The third mate spotted them and the robbers escaped	Crew personal belongings and walkie talkies stolen	Raised the alarm	Yes. SAR/PUSKODAL, Jakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
6	MAERSK LA GUAIRA Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 11987 9117650	22/11/2001 20:54 LT	Guayaquil (Ecuador)	Three armed robbers in a speed boat came alongside and boarded the ship, while underway. They broke open a container stowed on the deck. The bosun on deck spotted them and was threatened with iron bars. The armed robbers later fled in their boat	Bosun threatened	Alarm raised	Yes. Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
7	ALKIMOS Bulk carrier Greece 25189 8316546	22/11/2001 23:00 LT	Sandakan anchorage (Malaysia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship, while at anchor, during heavy rain	Ship stores stolen	-	Yes. MRCC and MECC informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
8	IVAN ZAGUBANSKI General cargo ship Bulgaria 11687 7518197	22/11/2001 13:00 UTC	22°26'.20N 089°35'.80E Mongla anchorage (Bangladesh)	Robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship, while at anchor, at aft deck from three small boats. They were spotted by the anti-piracy watch who raised an alarm and the armed robbers jumped overboard and escaped in their boat	Ship's stores stolen	Anti-piracy watch raised the alarm	Yes. PRC relayed message to the Coast Guard	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
9	SEAGRAND ACE General cargo ship Panama 5999 8920751	22/11/2001 05:20 LT	00°15'.00S 117°33'.50E Muara Berau anchorage, Samarinda (Indonesia)	Three armed robbers boarded the ship, while at anchor, at forecastle deck from a small boat and escaped when spotted by the crew	Mooring ropes stolen	Anti-piracy watchman raised the alarm	Yes. SAR/PUSKODAL, Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
10	LOKMANYA TILAK Tanker India 47690 7373913	23/11/2001 05:50 LT	Hoogly River, Haldia Port (India)	Armed robbers boarded the ship in the early hours, whilst alongside	Ship's stores stolen	-	Yes. Port authorities and Coast Guard, India, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
11	SAUCON Tanker Marshall Islands 21963 8005795	25/11/2001 03:15 LT	Chittagong anchorage (Bangladesh)	Twelve robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship, while at anchor, from aft. They broke open the rope locker and started to lower mooring ropes. Anti-piracy watchman spotted them and tried to chase them but was threatened. When he alerted crew, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped in their boats	Anti-piracy watchman threatened and mooring ropes stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. Coast Guard, Bangladesh informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
12	SKUA General cargo ship Cyprus 8748 7422764	26/11/2001 05:06 UTC	5.5 NM East of Mole Signal Station, Lagos anchorage (Nigeria)	Robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at the forecastle, while at anchor. Anti-piracy watch spotted them and the robbers jumped overboard and escaped	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. Navy Comcen informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
13	JAYA TREASURE General cargo ship Singapore 2824 9011399	26/11/2001 05:20 LT	Vang Tau Pilot Station (Viet Nam)	One armed robber boarded the ship, while underway. When spotted by crew, he jumped overboard and escaped	-	Alarm raised	Yes. MRCC Vung Tau informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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ANNEX 2

Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly attempted against ships reported by Member States or international organizations in consultative status

Nº	Ship's name Type of ship Flag Gross tonnage IMO No.	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. 10 ANNEX 2 Page 1
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	PETRO EASKEM Chemical tanker Singapore 3534 9186912	03/11/2001 04:10 LT	01°49'.70N 102°31'.50E Malacca Strait	Alert crew spotted a fishing boat nearby, while ship was underway. Minutes later the boat switched off her lights and pirates attempted to board the ship	-	Alert crew raised the alarm and prevented the boarding	Yes. MRCC, Port Klang and the Marine Police and Sea Surveillance, Klang, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
2	BENARITA Bulk carrier Norway 23594 8309426	04/11/2001 22:45 LT	06°01'.70N 003°31'.00E 20 NM from Lagos Fairway Buoy	Pirates in an unlit small craft, attempted to board the ship, while underway	-	Alert crew spotted the craft and directed searchlights and prevented the boarding	Yes. Nigerian Authorities informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
3	KOTA MANIS Container ship Marshall Islands 18936 8714918	04/11/2001 04:10 LT	06°06'.00N 003°37'.00E 20 NM South of Fairway Buoy, Lagos	The duty anti-piracy watchman on routine watch, while ship was underway, reported missing items	Mooring ropes, forward life raft and disembarkation ladder stolen	Switched on deck lightings	Yes. Nigerian Navy informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
4	ALI EKINCI Bulk carrier Turkey 23436 8103236	05/11/2001 07:15 UTC	12°29'.00N 044°43'.00E 5 NM from Aden Port (Yemen)	Three armed robbers in a boat attempted to board the ship, while underway	-	The duty officer took evasive manoeuvres which prevented boarding	Yes. Yemen Authorities informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
5	ZAHRA General cargo ship Comores 3720 7507045	05/11/2001 10:55 LT	Kismayu Port (Somalia)	A group of robbers armed with machine guns fired shots at the ship, whilst preparing to sail	At least twenty shots hit the superstructure and one bullet hit the bridge window. Two windows on bridge, mess room and accommodation door were smashed. No injuries to crew	-	Yes. Harbour Master informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
6	SHA HE KOU General cargo ship China 10941 7714935	06/11/2001 15:48 LT	11°31'00N 110°42'00E South China Sea	Five armed pirates in two boats attempted to board the ship, while underway	-	Alert crew spotted the boats and raised the alarm which prevented boarding	Yes. MRCC Viet Nam informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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7	DUKE Chemical tanker Singapore 16793 8014241	06/11/2001 01:50 LT	06°46'.50S 039°21'.20E Dar Es Salam Anchorage (Tanzania)	Six armed robbers in a small black wooden boat tried to board the ship, while at anchor	-	Alert crew spotted the boat and raised an alarm and prevented the boarding	Yes. Port Control and Tanzania Authorities informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Security boat searching for the armed robbers' boat
8	FRONT SABANG Tanker Singapore 153644 8716772	11/11/2001 06:06 LT	02°02'.00N 101°57'.00E Malacca Strait	Crew spotted a speed boat on radar, at three miles range, while underway. Minutes later the look out spotted two masked armed robbers, with rifles and grapnel hooks inside the boat	-	Alarm raised and searchlights directed at the boat which prevented boarding	Yes. VTS Klang, PUSKODAL and Marine Police Headquarters, Kuala Lumpur informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
9	STELIOS Bulk carrier Greece 27589 8309878	25/11/2001 00:45 LT	Belawan anchorage (Indonesia)	Six armed robbers attempted to board the ship from the anchor chain. Anti-piracy watch spotted them	-	Crew raised the alarm and lighted hand flares which prevented boarding	Yes. SAR/PUSKODAL, Djarkata, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
10	GISIANG Container ship Malaysia 4007 9169720	25/11/2001 05:30 LT	00°09'.52N 00°097'.41E Off Myanmar	Pirates in two fishing boats chased the ship from stern and fired shots at her, while underway and later abandoned boarding	-	Ship increased speed and all crew mustered which prevented boarding	Yes. MRCC Myanmar/Bangkok informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
11	BEREKET KA Chemical tanker Turkey 5209 8208189	28/11/2001 01:30 LT	Djakarta anchorage (Indonesia)	Ten robbers armed with long knives attempted to board the ship from a small wooden boat, while at anchor. Anti-piracy watch spotted them and the robbers jumped overboard and escaped in their boat	-	Anti-piracy watch raised the alarm	Yes. SAR/PUSKODAL, Djarkarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
12	ACE ALLIANCE Bulk carrier Panama 17099 9129603	29/11/2001 03:45 LT	00°12'.59N 100°44'.50E Gulf of Thailand	Four pirates armed with a long bamboo pole with hook at the end, in a red-hull wooden fishing boat approached the ship's stern and attempted to board, while underway. A second attempt was again prevented	-	Duty officer raised the alarm which prevented boarding	Yes. MRCC Bangkok informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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