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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 May 2007 and 30 June 2007, including a distinction between acts of piracy and acts of armed robbery against ships (annex 1) and attempted attacks (annex 2). Further and as instructed by the Committee (MSC 75/24, paragraph 18.41), the Secretariat has, since July 2002, started classifying separately any reported incidents of piracy and armed robbery **at sea** (international or territorial waters) *vis-à-vis* acts of armed robbery allegedly committed **in port areas**, as well as **attempted** acts of armed robbery.

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 4,370 an increase of 17 since 31 May 2007.

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 Code of Practice for the Investigation of the Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships (resolution A.922(22), Annex, paragraph 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."

3 Previous incidents reported to the Organization since the fifty-ninth session of the Committee have been circulated by various MSC circulars, those issued (on an annual, quarterly and monthly basis) during the previous twelve months and up to May 2007 being MSC.4/Circ.88, MSC.4/Circ.89, MSC.4/Circ.90, MSC.4/Circ.91, MSC.4/Circ.92, MSC.4/Circ.93, MSC.4/Circ.94, MSC.4/Circ.95, MSC.4/Circ.96, MSC.4/Circ.97, MSC.4/Circ.98, MSC.4/Circ.99, MSC.4/Circ.100, MSC.4/Circ.101, MSC.4/Circ.102 and MSC.4/Circ.103.

ANNEX 1

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

N°	Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage IMO Number	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.104 ANNEX 1 Coastal State Action Taken
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	DANICA WHITE General cargo ship DIS (Denmark) 997 8401157	02/06/2007	EAST AFRICA Enroute from Sharjah to Mombasa, off Somalia	Armed pirates in three boats hijacked the ship, sailed her to coastal waters and anchored off Hoby. The pirates are holding five crew members hostage. Further information is awaited	Ship hijacked and five crew members held hostage	Alarm raised	Yes CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, Nato Northwood, Marlo Bahrain, Nato UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFIC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer and Yemen Maritime Affairs Headquarters	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Coalition warship destroyed two pirate boats
2	NA Fishing vessel Egypt	07/06/2007	INDIAN OCEAN Off Eritrean Waters Eritrea	Pirates attacked and fired upon the vessel while underway and forced the vessel to stop. They hijacked the vessel to Eritrean regional waters and held 23 crew members hostage	Vessel hijacked and 23 crew members held hostage	Alarm raised	Yes Harbour Master Massawa port, Eritrea (to be relayed to local authorities), MRCC/SAR Egypt	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	CAPE BRINDISI Tanker Marshall Islands 81076 9293143	21/06/2007 23:02 LT	WEST AFRICA Pennington Nigeria 04° 15.00' N 005° 35.00' E	The ship undergoing cargo operations at an SBM was attacked by pirates. The pirates boarded the standby tug at the stern of the vessel and contacted the ship via VHF demanding to be let onboard or they would sink the ship. The crew mustered and stopped cargo operations and the ship disconnected from the SBM. The tug was cast off and the ship proceeded at full speed to sea. All attempts to contact the authorities and the Nigerian Navy were futile	Ship fired upon causing damage to the accommodation and the port lifeboat	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Nigerian High Commission, Malaysia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	GURU GOBIND SINGH Tanker India 80130 9070151	07/06/2007 22:40 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Lawi Lawi Anchorage, Balikpapan Indonesia 01° 28.00' S 116° 49.00' E	The duty crew on the ship noticed two robbers on the forecastle deck, while at anchor. The D/O on bridge was alerted and the alarm raised. The robbers jumped overboard and escaped in a speedboat when they saw the crew approaching. Upon inspection, it was found that the forward life raft had been stolen. The authorities and the agents were informed	Forward life raft stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Local authorities, BAKORKAMLA and SAR, Jakarta	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

2	PANAGIA LADY Chemical tanker Liberia 27505 9241085	10/06/2007 05:22 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Jakarta Tanker Anchorage Indonesia 06° 00.60' S 106° 53.20' E	A few fishing boats diverted the attention of the watchkeepers while two robbers boarded the tanker at anchor, using grappling hooks. The robbers stole two life rafts and escaped. Port authorities were informed, however, no action was taken	Life rafts stolen	Alarm raised	Yes Port authorities, BAKORKAMLA and SAR, Jakarta	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	MUJUR SAMUDRA Tanker Mongolia 444 7714832	23/06/2007 21:45 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Pulau Lima, Kota Tinggi Malaysia	Six robbers armed with long knives and pistols boarded the ship while she was alongside. One crew member was hit on the head with a machete. Another crew member stood up to the robbers. In the struggle, he fell overboard but managed to swim to the shore and contacted the police with assistance from the local fishermen. The robbers spent around 30 minutes ransacking and robbing the crew's personal effects before escaping. Two injured crew members were sent to the hospital	Crew members injured and crew's personal effects stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Kota Tinggi Police and CG Malaysia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	SIAM BHAVAS Chemical tanker Thailand 3374 8300494	25/06/2007 18:20 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Dep. Tanjung Ular Port, Palembang Indonesia 01° 51.50' S 105° 02.80' E	About eleven robbers, armed with long knives and shotguns boarded the ship underway. On sighting the robbers, crew members ran inside the accommodation and closed all doors. On taking a headcount, master realised that one oiler was being held hostage. Master contacted the shore authorities. The robbers opened fire but there were no injuries to the crew. The robbers escaped in a small speedboat. Coast Guard arrived to investigate. No stores missing	Crew member held hostage	Alarm raised	Yes Port Control, BAKORKAMLA, Indonesian Navy Headquarters, PUKODAL and SAR Jakarta	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Coast Guard boarded to investigate
5	NAME WITHHELD Container ship Liberia 16731	30/06/2007 06:35 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Jakarta Outer Anchorage Indonesia 06° 02.80' S 106° 53.90' E	Six armed robbers, from two boats, boarded the anchored ship, from the port and starboard quarters. The duty AB was attacked and hit on the head with an axe, causing severe bleeding. The ship's alarm was raised and crew mustered. The robbers stole engine spares and escaped. Pilot and local agents were informed. The injured crew were taken ashore, by pilot boat, for medical treatment and then repatriated	Duty AB injured and engine spares stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Port Control, BAKORKAMLA Indonesia, PUKODAL, Indonesian Navy Headquarters and SAR Jakarta	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN PORT AREA

1	BALTIC FORCE Chemical tanker Cyprus 23337 9327384	16/06/2007 01:40 LT	WEST AFRICA Lagos Anchorage Nigeria	Robbers armed with knives boarded the ship undergoing ship-to-shore operation preparations and tied up the aft station watchman. The D/O noticed a small wooden boat with the ship's mooring ropes and raised the general alarm. On hearing the alarm and seeing the forward mooring station crew coming aft, the robbers cut the mooring ropes and escaped with the stolen stores. There were no injuries to crew and Port Control was informed	Crew member assaulted and ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Port Control and the Nigerian High Commission, Malaysia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	MARFRET NORMANDIE Container ship Luxembourg 10778 9063976	23/06/2007 04:40 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (A) Berth 11, Belem Port Brazil	The duty watchman was attacked and tied up by three robbers. Later, port security officials and the ship's crew searched the ship but found only wet footprints. Nothing was missing	Crew member assaulted	Alarm raised	Yes Port security and MRCC Brazil	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Port security officials searched the ship
3	CHEM JASMIN Chemical tanker Malta 17612 8323393	26/06/2007 00:55 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Belawan Outer Anchorage Indonesia	The duty AB on the anchored ship noticed three robbers trying to open the forward locker. The duty AB informed the OOW and ran forward. However, one of the robbers threatened the AB with a knife and chased him back to accommodation. The alarm was raised and crew mustered. The robbers stole ship's property and escaped in a small boat. Port control was informed. There were no injuries to crew	Duty AB threatened and ship's property stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Port Control, BAKORKAMLA Indonesia, PUSKODAL, Indonesian Navy Headquarters and SAR Jakarta	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Port Control enquired about the number of robbers and the stolen stores via radio
4	EAGLE PRESTIGE Container ship Panama 13995 7724954	27/06/2007 07:00 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Anchorage Bangladesh	The crew of the ship at anchor discovered that her aft rope locker was opened and ship's stores missing. The master informed the Coast Guard who arrested the robbers' boat and returned the stolen items to the ship	Ship's stores stolen but recovered	Alarm raised	Yes Coast Guard, Bangladesh, Ministry of Shipping & Intelligence Office of ISPS	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Coast Guard arrested the robbers' boat and returned the stolen items

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	KEN Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 26778 9166871	06/06/2007 03:00 UTC	EAST AFRICA 315NM SE of Mogadishu Somalia 01° 20.28' S 049° 30.61' E	The ship, underway, spotted a fishing vessel at about 12 miles. The vessel was on a converging course with the ship. The master altered course away from the vessel and noticed that the vessel also altered to maintain the converging course. When the fishing vessel was about 5NM astern of the ship, she suddenly altered course and headed off towards Mogadishu. The ship was slightly faster than the fishing vessel	-	Master altered course accordingly	Yes CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, Nato Northwood, Marlo Bahrain, Nato UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFIC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer and Yemen Maritime Affairs Headquarters	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	BITUMEN RIDE Tanker Panama 1009 8312526	13/06/2007 01:08 UTC	EAST AFRICA Somalia 03° 05.00' N 054° 50.00' E	Three boats approached the ship on converging courses. As the ship altered her course, the boats adjusted their course and continued to approach the ship. As the ship increased speed, the distance between the boats and the ship increased and prevented the boarding of the ship	-	Ship activated SSAS and increased speed	Yes CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, Nato Northwood, Marlo Bahrain, Nato UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFIC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer and Yemen Maritime Affairs Headquarters	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	CSK BEILUN Bulk carrier Singapore 87522 9165528	20/06/2007 19:30 LT	EAST AFRICA Somalia 13° 21.00' N 052° 21.20' E	An unlit craft approached the ship, underway from the starboard bow. The master continuously altered course; the craft also adjusted her course and speed. Later the ship spotted another unlit craft, which also started adjusting course and speed towards the ship. The master notified all crew and took maximum precautions. This continued for about two and a half hours before the small craft aborted attempt	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, Nato Northwood, Marlo Bahrain, Nato UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFIC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer and Yemen Maritime Affairs Headquarters	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	MSC AURORA Container ship Panama 13276 7116810	06/06/2007 01:50 UTC	EAST AFRICA Mombasa Inner Anchorage Kenya 04° 03.30' S 039° 38.63' E	A robber attempted to board the ship via the anchor chain. The duty A/B noticed someone trying to push open the hawse pipe cover and he raised the alarm. On hearing the alarm, the robber aborted the attempt	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Port Control and Kenya Ports Authority	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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2	DARYA SHAKTI Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 31260 9291078	23/06/2007 02:40 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Banjarasin Coal Loading Anchorage, Kalimantan Indonesia 03° 41.00' S 114° 26.00' E	The duty watchman sighted two robbers climbing up the anchor chain and three other accomplices in a boat close to the anchor cable. The watchman notified the D/O who raised the alarm. The robbers abandoned their attempt to board and escaped in the waiting boat	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes BAKORKAMLA, Indonesian Navy Headquarters, PUSKODAL and SAR, Jakarta	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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