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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 January and 28 February 2002, 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 2,605, an increase of 54 since 31 January 2002.

3 Previous incidents reported to the Organization since the fifty-ninth session of the Committee have been circulated by various MSC circulars, the previous one issued during the current year being MSC.4/Circ.13.

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

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	HORIZON I Fishing vessel Belize 117	12/01/2001	Kisimayu (Somalia)	Robbers armed with guns hijacked the ship, while underway and detained them at a port in Somalia. The robbers held ship and crew hostage for a ransom	Held hostage and Ship hijacked for ransom	-	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
2	Name not reported Fishing vessels Bangladesh	25/01/2001	Manderbaria, East of Khulna (Bangladesh)	About 25 armed robbers boarded the ship, while underway. They abducted eight fishermen and 3 trawlers and demanded ransom for their release	Eight fisherman held hostage and three vessels hijacked. US\$8,000 stolen and US\$13,000 demanded as ransom	-	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
3	Name not reported Container ship Cyprus	30/03/2001 04:25 LT	Guayaquil (Ecuador)	Five robbers armed with shotguns were noticed boarding the ship, while at anchor. They escaped after opening several containers and before the authorities could arrive on board	Ship's cargo stolen	Raised alarm and directed search and deck lights on robbers	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
4	Name not reported Bulk carrier Malta 20444	23/06/2001 07:30 LT	Chittagong outer roads (Bangladesh)	Armed robbers in three boats approached the stern and boarded the ship from the rudder post, while at anchor. When spotted by the anti-piracy watchman, they jumped overboard and escaped	Zinc anodes stolen	Alarm raised	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
5	TATJANA General cargo ship Antigua and Barbuda 6382 9235488	27/06/2001 20:00 LT	Berth No. 16, Douala port (Cameroon)	Robbers armed with knives and guns boarded the ship, while at anchor. They broke open the ship's stores and later escaped	Ship's stores stolen	-	Yes. Port Authority informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
6	BAHARI KENYA Fishing vessel Kenya	28/06/2001	Bossasu (Somalia)	Robbers armed with guns boarded the ship, while underway and hijacked ship and 33 crew members	Ship and crew hijacked for ransom	-	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
7	DREAMTIME Yacht United Kingdom	04/07/2001	Ao Chalong Phuket (Thailand)	Yacht went missing, while at anchor, believed to be stolen	Ship missing	-	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
8	IDEE FIXE Bulk carrier Malta 27039 8322923	05/07/2001 07:30 LT	Tg. Priok anchorage (Indonesia)	Four armed robbers boarded the ship, while at anchor. Anti-piracy watch spotted them and they jumped overboard and escaped	-	Alarm raised	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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9	POH SWAN Tanker Honduras 600	07/07/2001 01:50 LT	Tanjung Balai Karimun Island waters (Indonesia)	Ship was hijacked, while underway. The Master was landed at Batam Island and the ship was found near Cirebon port, Central Java	Ship hijacked. Ship's main engine defective	-	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
10	AEGEAN FALCON Bulk carrier Philippines 27986 9227792	09/07/2001 02:24 UTC	Lagos anchorage (Nigeria)	Six robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and tied up the duty A/B	Ship's stores stolen	-	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
11	Name not reported Fishing vessel Indonesia	31/07/2001 02:00 LT	Between Kuala Perupuk beach and Tanjung Tiram, North Sumatera (Indonesia)	Pirates armed with knives attacked the ship, while underway	Nine crew members killed and four survived	-	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
12	Name not reported Yacht	14/08/2001	Santa Rosalita islands, Baja (Mexico)	Pirates boarded the yacht, while underway and stole cash and valuables before escaping.	Skipper assaulted, injured and hospitalised. Yacht grounded	-	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
13	OCEAN SILVER Tug Honduras 343 7029304	25/08/2001	East coast of Aceh, Malacca Strait	Pirates boarded the ship	Six crew members held hostage for ransom. Ship hijacked.	-	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
14	TUG "MAYANG SARI" BARGE "DAIHO 88" Tug Malaysia 289 7825813	18/09/2001	Pulau Subi Besr (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded and hijacked the ship near Pulau Subi Besar - Natuna Islands, while underway. The Captain and crew of ten were landed ashore	Ship hijacked	-	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
15	CYBORG General cargo ship Cyprus 17200 8023034	19/09/2001 05:30 UTC	20°32'.00N 071°21'.00E Gulf of Cambay (India)	About fifteen armed robbers in eight fishing boats boarded the ship, while underway	Ship's stores stolen	-	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
16	GHANA STAR Container ship Liberia 18145 8412388	24/09/2001 01:50 LT	Lagos Roads (Nigeria)	Three robbers armed with guns and knives came alongside the ship in a speedboat and boarded, while at anchor. Duty watchman was threatened by one of the robbers and they later escaped	Ship's stores stolen	Duty watchman raised alarm and alerted crew members	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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17	OCEAN BREEZE Refrigerated cargo carrier Cyprus 6478 7619513	24/09/2001 14:57 UTC	14°01'.00N 042°41'.00E Red Sea	Five pirates armed with guns boarded the ship, while underway and grounded ship	Ship grounded	-	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
18	NEW WISDOM Tanker France 164251 9045455	26/09/2001 04:00 LT	Balikpapan anchorage (Indonesia)	Two robbers were spotted by the watchman on the forecastle, while at anchor and escaped when spotted	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
19	NEW GLORY Tanker Singapore 4268 9154141	28/09/2001 11:00 LT	OBW 'C' anchorage, Manila (Philippines)	Three robbers boarded the ship, while at anchor. They entered the engine room and when spotted by the duty engineer, two of the robbers escaped and one was handed over to the authorities	-	Alarm raised	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
20	LITTLE LADY P. Bulk carrier Malta 13713 9061588	29/09/2001 01:50 LT	Tg. Priok (Indonesia)	Robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the ship, while at anchor. They entered the engine room and when spotted, jumped overboard and escaped in their speed boat	-	Alarm raised	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
21	Name not reported	06/12/2001 01:20 LT	05°11'.06N 004°01'.08W Abidjan anchorage (Ivory Coast)	Robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship while at anchor, threatened a crew member and later escaped	One crew injured. Ship's stores and crew belongings stolen.	-	Yes. Local Authorities informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
22	IRAN MOTAHARI Bulk carrier Iran (Islamic Republic of) 20471 7521649	08/12/2001 02:20 LT	Vung Tau anchorage (Viet Nam)	Armed robbers boarded the ship, while at anchor and escaped when spotted	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
23	Name not reported Fishing vessel Malaysia	14/12/2001	Pulau Jarak, Malacca Strait	Pirates in a boat fired shots at the ship and boarded, while underway and later escaped with their loot	Cash and valuables stolen	-	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
24	SERAYA SPIRIT Tanker Bahamas 52507 9034925	24/12/2001 01:00 LT	10°15'.00N 107°02'.80E Vung Tau anchorage (Viet Nam)	Robbers armed with big knives boarded the ship with a hook attached to a rope, while at anchor and escaped when spotted	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
25	THOR ALICE General cargo ship Denmark 1167 8700993	28/12/2001 05:00 LT	Balikpapan anchorage (Indonesia)	Seven armed robbers boarded the ship, while at anchor. They held the duty A/B hostage and later escaped with their loot	Ship's stores stolen	-	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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26	SEA SKYLINE General cargo ship Ukraine 6641 7431260	29/12/2001 02:30 LT	Mongla anchorage (Bangladesh)	Seven robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship, while at anchor. They held the watchkeeper at knifepoint and later escaped	Crew threatened and ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. Navy Pilot Station informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
27	POWER 1 General cargo ship Panama 950 7126310	18/01/2002 21:57 LT	Mombasa port (Kenya)	Nine robbers armed with knives boarded the ship during cargo operations, while at anchor. They used a dug-out canoe to carry their loot	30 cartons of cigarettes stolen	-	Yes. Commissioner of Police, Nairobi, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
28	ASTA SAMUDRA Tanker Panama 12873 9083718	04/02/2002 22:10 LT	West of Tokong Island, Balikpapan (Indonesia)	Two armed robbers were noticed lowering mooring rope on the poop deck of the ship, with pilot onboard, while at anchor. When spotted, they jumped overboard and escaped in waiting boats	Mooring ropes stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. SAR/PUSKODAL, Djakarta, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
29	IRAN MOTAHARI Bulk carrier Iran (Islamic Republic of) 20471 7521649	09/02/2002 17:30 LT	Kosichang anchorage (Thailand)	Ship's crew noticed forecandle padlock was broken, while at anchor. The suspects were handed to the shore security onboard and the police	-	Anti-piracy watch	Yes. MRCC, Thailand, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
30	ARKAAN Bulk carrier Malta 15028 8222056	11/02/2002 04:10 LT	Lagos anchorage (Nigeria)	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the ship, while at anchor but were chased away by the ship's crew	-	Crew chased robbers away	Yes. Port Control and Nigerian Navy Communications Centre, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
31	CMA CGM Matisse Container ship France 25803 9192428	12/02/2002	Tg. Priok anchorage (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship, while at anchor. They broke open watertight door and later escaped	Engine spares stolen	Anti-piracy measures	Yes. Coast Guard, Indonesia, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
32	SEBU Tanker Panama 153506 9036454	15/02/2002 01:05 LT	Balikpapan anchorage (Indonesia)	The watchkeeper at forecandle went to the bridge to change his walkie talkie battery and when he returned noticed five armed robbers, while at anchor. They jumped overboard and escaped when spotted	Floating life raft and life buoy stolen	Alarm raised and crew alerted	Yes. SAR, Djakarta, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
34	TANKOIL Chemical tanker Singapore 3757 8316089	19/02/2002 02:00 LT	Kakinada anchorage (India)	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at forecandle, while at anchor. When spotted they jumped overboard and escaped in their boat	-	Alarm raised	Yes. MRCC, Mumbai, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
35	SIAM SUPHA Tanker Thailand 2487 7709332	21/02/2002 04:15 LT	16°59'.98N 082°21'.26E Kakinada Fairway Buoy (India)	Armed robbers in a small boat boarded the ship at forecandle, while at anchor. When spotted by the Duty A/B they jumped overboard and escaped in their boat	-	Alarm raised	Yes. Coast Guard, India, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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36	Name not reported Flat-top cargo barge	21/02/2002 10:39 UTC	08°16'.00N 076°24'.00E (India)	Armed robbers in seven small high-speed boats boarded the ship, while under tow and later escaped	Batteries for navigation lights and ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm, fired signal flares and took evasive manoeuvres	Yes. Indian Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
37	TRADEWIND SUN Chemical tanker Panama 4094 8914817	27/02/2002 01:30 LT	Sandakan port (Malaysia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship from seaside during loading operations, while at anchor and broke into the forecastle store	Paint stolen	-	Yes. Marine Police Headquarters, Bukit Aman, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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ANNEX 2

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	SEABOARD POWER Container ship Cyprus 12993 9190119	23/06/2001 21:30 LT	Rio Haina Channel (Dominican Republic)	About ten robbers armed with knives attempted to board the ship by the port side with long hooks, while at anchor. They abandoned attempt when spotted	-	Raised alarm and alerted crew	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
2	KOTA MANIS General cargo ship Marshall Islands 18936 8714918	24/06/2001 11:28 LT	31°13'.35S 030°09'.03E Port Edward (South Africa)	A speedboat attempted to come alongside the ship, while underway but abandoned when spotted	-	-	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
3	BALTIMAR NEPTUNE General cargo ship Bahamas 2854 8607672	03/07/2001 19:40 LT	Bissau port (Guinea)	About ten armed robbers attempted to board the ship, while underway. They later abandoned attempt after trailing the ship for an hour	-	-	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
4	AQUAHOPE Bulk carrier Greece 85315 9120970	10/08/2001 00:15 LT	24°32'.00N 122°14.00E East China Sea	A small wooden boat approached the ship, while underway. The ship was called on VHF radio and when it received no response, the boat retreated	-	-	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
5	CSAV MANZANILLO Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 16800 9105968	23/08/2001 03:50 LT	10 miles off Data Sea Buoy, Guayaquil (Ecuador)	Ten armed robbers in a boat approached the ship and attempted to board, while at anchor. They abandoned attempt when spotted	Security guards on board fired warning shots and prevented boarding	-	Yes Coast Guard and pilot station informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
6	Name not reported Speedboat Indonesia	31/08/2001	Off Central Maluku (Indonesia)	Robbers armed with guns fired at a speedboat carrying security forces and other passengers, while underway	Two security personnel killed and eight injured	-	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
7	SAINT JUDE Yacht United Kingdom	17/09/2001 02:25 LT	07°53'.40S 091°00'.30E Indian Ocean	Pirates in a fishing boat attempted to board the yacht, while underway. When the yacht contacted Radio Darwin, the pirates abandoned attempt	-	Raised alarm and contacted Radio Darwin	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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8	SILK PRIDE Tanker Sri Lanka	30/10/2001	Off Point Pedro Jaffna (Sri Lanka)	Robbers in five boats attacked the ship with explosives, while underway	-	-	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
9	KARIN CAT General cargo ship Denmark 1501 8615576	11/12/2001 23:10 LT	Laem Chabang (Thailand)	Robbers attempted to board the ship, while at anchor but escaped when spotted	-	Raised alarm, switched on deck lights and directed fire hoses with full pressure at the boat	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
10	ALYCIA Bulk carrier Malta 20352 7426241	22/12/2001 12:00 LT	04°41'.00N 118°54'.00E Alice Channel (Indonesia)	Armed robbers in green speedboat approached the ship very closely, while underway and ordered the Master to stop. They abandoned attempt after 30 minutes	-	-	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
11	TIGER CREEK Container ship Cyprus 9909 8115617	22/12/2001 19:45 LT	Rangatala crossing anchorage, Hugli river (India)	Three robbers in a wooden motorboat attempted to board the ship, while at anchor. They escaped when spotted	-	-	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
12	DIGNITY T Bulk carrier Panama 36196 8106745	22/12/2001 23:10 LT	Banjarmasin anchorage (Indonesia)	Seven robbers armed with knives attempted to board the ship from a boat via anchor chain. They abandoned attempt when spotted	-	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes. Local police informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
13	ARKTIS CRYSTAL General cargo ship United Kingdom (Isle of Man) 3810 9046148	03/02/2002 06:20 UTC	21°40'.00N 059°45'.90E Off Oman	Five pirates wearing face masks, in two speed boats, chased the ship and attempted to board, while underway. They abandoned chase when the ship increased speed and took evasive measures	-	Increased speed and zig-zagged course	Yes. Coast Guard, Muscat and Oman, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
14	SKIROPOULA Tanker Greece 38792 9053127	05/02/2002 11:12 UTC	Gulf of Aden	Several speedboats with 8-10 pirates in each attempted to board the ship, while underway. The Master altered course and used pressurised fire hoses. They abandoned chase after sometime	-	Increased speed and alerted crew	Yes. Coast Guard, Yemen, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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15	TRICOLOR Car carrier Norway 49792 8908583	13/02/2002 07:40 LT	10°59'.00N 017°17'.00W Off Guinea-Bissau	A speedboat with five uniformed armed pirates approached the ship, while underway. Alongside and firing into the air, they ordered Master to stop. He ignored them and continued at full speed, on zig-zag course, and they abandoned chase after five minutes	-	Increased speed and zig-zagged course	Yes.	ICS	-
16	ALTAIR Bulk carrier Greece 40523 9214331	13/02/2002 21:00 LT	13°15'.00N 049°20'.00E Gulf of Aden	A speedboat approached the ship and attempted to come alongside. When spotted they abandoned attempt	-	Alerted crew, increased speed and zig-zagged course	Yes. MRCC, Aden, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
17	HORNESTRAND-OYKR2 General cargo ship Denmark 808 8023931	28/02/2002 06:00 LT	09°11'.00N 014°33'.00W 55 NM WSW of Conakry (Guinea)	Eight armed pirates in a canoe which was observed astern the ship trying to catch up, while underway. They fired at the ship and ordered her to stop. Several bullets hit the ship and they later abandoned chase after one hour	-	Raised alarm and alert crew switched on lights. Increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres	Yes, Ministry and the Marine of Guinea informed	Denmark/IC C-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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