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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 30 April 2005 and 31 May 2005, 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 3,828, an increase of 22 since 30 April 2005.

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 April 2005 being MSC.4/Circ.54, MSC.4/Circ.55, MSC.4/Circ.56, MSC.4/Circ.57, MSC.4/Circ.58, MSC.4/Circ.59, MSC.4/Circ.60, MSC.4/Circ.61, MSC.4/Circ.62, MSC.4/Circ.63, MSC.4/Circ.64, MSC.4/Circ.65, MSC.4/Circ.66, MSC.4/Circ.67, MSC.4/Circ.68 and MSC.4/Circ.69.

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. 70 ANNEX 1 Page 1
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	NOSHIRO MARU Bulk carrier Panama 50464 9233478	04/05/2005 20:25 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA 01°46'.30S 117°07'.20E Makassar Straits	One pirate in a speedboat boarded the ship using hooks attached to a rope, while underway. When spotted, the D/O and crew mustered and activated fire hoses. The pirate jumped overboard and escaped in a waiting speedboat which contained four accomplices	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. SAR, Jakarta	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
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IN PORT AREA

1	JUNE B Refrigerated cargo carrier Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 1193 8117201	28/04/2005	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Port Au Prince Anchorage (Haiti)	Robbers armed with knives boarded ship, while at anchor. When spotted by alert crew, they escaped with their loot	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. Haitian Authorities via United States Embassy, Haiti	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
2	SANMAR SYMPHONY Chemical tanker India 28017 8320523	02/05/2005 02:15 LT	WEST AFRICA Lagos Anchorage (Nigeria)	Two robbers armed with knives boarded the ship, while at anchor. They threatened duty A/B at knifepoint, bound and gagged him. They escaped empty-handed after an unsuccessful attempt to break into the store rooms	Duty A/B threatened at knifepoint	Alarm raised	Yes. Nigerian Navy and High Commission	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
3	NA Bulk carrier	05/05/2005 01:35 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Port Au Prince Anchorage (Haiti)	Robbers armed with knives boarded ship, while at anchor. When spotted by alert D/O and the crew mustered, they escaped empty-handed	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. Haitian Authorities via United States Embassy, Haiti	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
4	ASTOR Container ship Netherlands Antilles 14241 9108362	09/05/2005 04:45 LT	EAST AFRICA Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)	Two robbers boarded ship, while at anchor. When spotted by duty crew, they jumped overboard and escaped in their boat. Port control was informed	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. Port control and Tanzania High Commission, London	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN PORT AREA

5	KRIPA Container ship India 10848 7806609	10/05/2005 04:30 UTC	INDIAN OCEAN 13°05'.70N 080°21'.00E Chennai Anchorage (India)	Five robbers boarded the ship at the stern, while at anchor. When spotted and alert crew mustered, they escaped empty-handed in their boat. Port control and police were informed	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. Port control and Harbour police	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
6	CHEMBULK SINGAPORE Chemical tanker Liberia 7916 8903325	10/05/2005 08:50 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Tanker Anchorage, Jakarta (Indonesia)	Six robbers boarded ship from two fishing boats, while at anchor. They broke open the aft locker and escaped in an easterly direction with their loot. Port authorities were informed	Ship's equipment stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. Port authorities and SAR, Jakarta	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
7	NAME WITHHELD Catamaran	13/05/2005 02:00 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Carenero (Venezuela)	Two robbers armed with knives and batons boarded ship, while at anchor. They threatened the skipper who tried to resist and escaped with their loot in a waiting boat which contained an accomplice. Skipper made MAYDAY calls on VHF but received no help	Skipper threatened; equipment stolen	Raised alarm and made MAYDAY calls	Yes. MRCC, Venezuela	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
8	ARENDAL Tanker Norway (NIS) 60339 8419740	14/05/2005 02:15 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Dumai Anchorage (Indonesia)	Three robbers armed with knives boarded ship at poop deck, while at anchor and entered the engine room. When spotted and duty crew mustered, they escaped with their loot	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. Pilot Station, SAR, Jakarta and Indonesian Navy	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
9	SUNSHINE Tanker Singapore 23410 8316182	18/05/2005 03:25 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Callao Anchorage No. 8 (Peru)	Robbers boarded ship at the forecandle, while at anchor and when spotted by alert crew, escaped with their loot	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. MRCC, Peru	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
10	HYDERABAD General cargo ship Pakistan 12395 7822081	19/05/2005 01:50 LT	WEST AFRICA Abidjan Anchorage (Côte d'Ivoire)	Robbers armed with long knives boarded ship via anchor chain, while at anchor. They overpowered duty A/B, tied him up and robbed him of his personal belongings including a walkie talkie. When A/B managed to free himself and crew members mustered, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped with their loot	Duty A/B tied up; personal belongings and a walkie talkie stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. Naval Base, Abidjan	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN PORT AREA

11	KARIN B General cargo ship Denmark 2881 9042295	24/05/2005 00:01 LT	WEST AFRICA Vicinity of Bonny River Fairway Buoy, Onne (Nigeria)	Robbers armed with guns boarded ship from a blue-coloured 20ft high speed motor boat, while at anchor. They fired shots, assaulted crew members and escaped with their loot	Crew members assaulted; ship's cash, stores and crew's personal belongings stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. Nigerian Police	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
12	STADT KIEL Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 3978 9117349	24/05/2005 10:00 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (C) 17°52'.70N 076°47'.10W Kingston Outer Anchorage (Jamaica)	Five robbers boarded ship while at anchor, threatened duty A/B at knifepoint and tied him up. Duty A/B managed to free himself and alerted crew members. Robbers broke the seal of a container and attempted to break into store room before escaping with their loot	Crew's belongings stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. MRCC, Jamaica	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
13	CHRISTIAN D. General cargo ship Antigua and Barbuda 3811 9237876	24/05/2005 21:10 LT	WEST AFRICA 04°12'.60N 006°55'.60E Off Bonny River Fairway Buoy, Onne (Nigeria)	Armed and aggressive robbers boarded ship, while at anchor and injured several crew members including one crew member who sustained gunshot injuries. Robbers escaped with their loot in a high-powered speedboat	Ship's cash, bonded stores and crew's personal belongings	Alarm raised	Yes. Nigerian Police	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
14	SAFMARINE COTONOU Container ship United Kingdom 21054 8417223	29/05/2005 00:15 LT	EAST AFRICA 06°45'.00S 039°20'.00E No. 2 Anchorage, Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)	Three robbers armed with machetes boarded ship via hawse pipe, while at anchor. When spotted by alert crew, Master heaved up anchor and proceeded to open sea to drift, they escaped with their loot. Port control was informed	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes. Port control and Tanzania Harbour Authority via Tanzania High Commission, London	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	JACQUELINE Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 7869 9106754	03/05/2005 07:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Tg. Priok Outer Roads (Indonesia)	Six boats approached the ship. Six robbers armed with steel bars boarded ship from two of the boats, while underway. Two boats remained nearby whilst the remaining two boats approached another ship in the vicinity. When spotted and alert crew mustered, they escaped empty-handed. Attempts to contact port authorities and patrol boats by VHF was unsuccessful	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. SAR, Jakarta	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	No response from port authorities
2	TEN LARGE Yacht United Kingdom	05/05/2005 10:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA 02°46'.00N 106°12'.00E NW Bay of Ayerabu Island, Anambas Islands (Indonesia)	Eight robbers armed with AK47 machine guns boarded yacht, while at anchor and ordered crew to remain below deck. They held skipper at gunpoint and escaped with their loot	Cash, ship's stores and crew's personal belongings stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. SAR, Jakarta and Indonesian Navy Headquarters	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	BBC ARGENTINA Multi purpose ship Germany 4078 9137753	24/04/2005 10:50 LT	MALACCA STRAIT 02°48'.56N 101°03'.00E Malacca Strait	A suspicious craft containing approximately six pirates was spotted by radar at the starboard side of the ship attempting to board, while underway, enroute from Singapore to the Suez Canal. Master altered course to port and the craft followed slowly for a while then suddenly altered course and headed towards ship. When the crew mustered on deck, the craft reduced speed and abandoned attempt	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes	Germany	-
2	AGATE Tanker Singapore 50063 8413461	04/05/2005 22:55 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA 01°23'.07S 117°06'.57E Makassa Straits	Pirates in a six-metre blue and black hull-coloured speedboat attempted to board ship at stern, while underway. When spotted and Master took evasive manoeuvres, pirates followed ship for about fifteen minutes and abandoned attempt	-	Raised alarm and took evasive manoeuvres	Yes. SAR, Jakarta and Indonesian Navy	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
3	THISTLE Tanker Liberia 57450 8916190	05/05/2005 23:20 LT	INDIAN OCEAN 21°16'.00N 091°31'.00E 60 NM SSW Off Chittagong	Pirates in a fishing boat approached the ship from the starboard quarter, and attempted to board, while underway. When spotted and Master took evasive manoeuvres, they abandoned the attempt	-	Raised alarm and took evasive manoeuvres	Yes. Local authorities, Coast Guard, Bangladesh, Focal Point and Ministry of Shipping	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
4	ASO General cargo ship Singapore 16600 8200618	13/05/2005 01:10 LT	MALACCA STRAIT 05°13'.00N 098°06'.00E Malacca Straits	Armed pirates in an unlit 7m craft approached ship attempting to board, while underway. D/O took evasive manoeuvres but craft came into contact at port side causing damage to ship's hull. D/O sounded whistle and called craft on VHF Ch. 16 but received no response and attempt was abandoned	Damage to ship's hull	Raised alarm, took evasive manoeuvres, sounded whistle and called craft on VHF Ch.16	Yes. MPA, Singapore, SAR, Jakarta, Indonesian Navy, MRCC, Port Klang, MECC Lumut, Marine Police Headquarters and MINDEF	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

5	NMT ELISE Ro-ro-cargo ship Panama 6894 8521957	24/05/2005 11:00 UTC	EAST AFRICA 15°19'.50N 041°32'.50E Southern Red Sea	Pirates in two boats came alongside ship and attempted to board, while underway. When spotted the Master increased speed and they abandoned the attempt	-	Raised alarm and increased speed	Yes. CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch-Officer, Yemen Maritime Affairs Headquarters and French Maritime, Djibouti	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
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