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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 piracy<sup>1</sup> and armed robbery against ships<sup>2</sup> reported to the Organization, the annex hereto provides, in the tabulated format agreed by the Committee, the summary of reports on incidents received between 1 and 31 July 2015 including a distinction between acts of piracy and acts of armed robbery against ships (annex 1) and attempted attacks (annex 2). The Secretariat has, since July 2002, classified 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.

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<sup>1</sup> "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 subparagraph (a) or (b)."

<sup>2</sup> "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.1025(26), annex, paragraph 2.2), as follows:

"Armed robbery against ships means any of the following acts:

- (a) any illegal act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of piracy, committed for private ends and directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such a ship, within a State's internal waters, archipelagic waters and territorial sea;
- (b) any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described above."

2 Further, and as instructed by the Committee (MSC 89/25, paragraphs 18.9 and 18.10), the Secretariat has opened a "piracy and armed robbery" module on the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) (<http://gisis.imo.org>) in order to improve the timeliness of reporting of incidents and to enable users to generate their own search criteria and produce customizable reports. This database is now configured for public, read-only access and is searchable. Reports can be compiled in GISIS directly by Member States and registered public users. These reports can now include follow-up information, for example dates of release of hijacked ships.

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 previous 12 months and up to 30 June 2015 being, MSC.4/Circ.213, MSC.4/Circ.214, MSC.4/Circ.215, MSC.4/Circ.216, MSC.4/Circ.217, MSC.4/Circ.218, MSC.4/Circ.219 (Annual Report), MSC.4/Circ.220, MSC.4/Circ.221, MSC.4/Circ.222, MSC.4/Circ.223, MSC.4/Circ.224 and MSC.4/Circ.225.

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## ANNEX I

## 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.226 ANNEX I	
									Coastal State Action Taken	
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## IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	LION KING Tug Marshall Islands 1537 9636319	28/07/2015 07:15 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Appr. 21nm east of Tanjung Kelesa Malaysia 01° 43.50' N 104° 34.00' E	The tug departed Batam anchorage at 1600 LT for Kuantan Port, Malaysia, with a barge under tow. The duty A/B discovered some property missing from the barge during a routine check early the next morning. The duty officer who was notified informed the Master and Owners. Upon arrival at Kuantan port, a report was lodged and the Police boarded for investigation.	Barge equipment stolen	Informed owners, filed a report with Royal Malaysian Police	Yes Singapore Port Operations Control Centre and Royal Malaysian Police	Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Republic of Singapore Navy and Singapore Police Coast Guard notified. Malaysian authorities also informed	
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## IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	RUTLAND Bulk carrier Singapore 85848 9112301	25/07/2015 02:00 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Appr. 4.3nm SW of Pulau Takong Kecil - Straits of Malacca and Singapore Indonesia 01° 03.80' N 103° 39.40' E	Duty oiler and C/E on board the ship underway spotted two robbers armed with knives, stealing engine spares from the engine room. The bridge was informed and the emergency alarm was raised in response. The crew mustered and all deck lights were switched on. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the alertness of the crew the robbers fled in their unlit boat with the stolen spares.	Engine spares stolen	Emergency alarm raised, crew mustered and all deck lights switched on	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-	
2	MATRAH Product tanker Panama 29768 9405849	27/07/2015 01:10 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Appr. 5.6nm SW of Pulau Nipah - Straits of Malacca and Singapore Indonesia 01° 03.60' N 103° 36.70' E	While underway, duty engineer on board the tanker found three robbers in the engine room, near the incinerator space. Having been spotted the robbers fled to the poop deck. The engineer closed and locked the engine room door from inside and raised the alarm, the crew mustered and all deck lights were switched on. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers fled in their boat. A search was eventually conducted, following which it was determined that nothing had been stolen. Singapore VTIS informed. Coast Guard boarded the tanker for investigation upon arrival at Singapore Pilot Eastern Boarding Area.	-	Engineer closed and locked the engine room door from inside, the alarm was raised, the crew mustered and all deck lights were switched on	Yes Singapore VTIS	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Republic of Singapore Navy and Singapore Police Coast Guard informed. Indonesia Piracy Center also notified. Tanker boarded by Coast Guard for investigation	

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## IN PORT AREA

1	SINAR BANDUNG Container ship Singapore 12584 9352432	04/07/2015 07:38 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Belawan International Container Terminal Indonesia 03° 47.70' N 098° 43.00' E	Three perpetrators armed with sticks, in a wooden boat, approached the berthed container ship. The Ordinary Seaman (OS) spotted two of the robbers on board the ship, having gained access from the seaward side. One of the perpetrators boarded the ship using a hook fastened to the port side railing. As the perpetrators headed towards the boatswain store they were verbally confronted by the OS who also chased after them. One of the perpetrators fled to the waiting boat alongside the ship while the other threatened the OS with a stick before fleeing as well. The OS retreated and contacted the duty officer who raised the alarm and mustered the crew. The boat was subsequently seen speeding away. All crew safe and nothing stolen.	-	OS verbally confronted and chased after the perpetrators and reported incident to duty officer. Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Port Authority	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-
2	FULHAM ROAD Product tanker Liberia 42411 9594901	05/07/2015 07:40 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Vishakhapatnam Anchorage India 17° 40.29' N 083° 24.24' E	Five persons in a boat approached the anchored product tanker and attempted to board using the anchor chain. The duty watchman raised the alarm and informed the bridge. Upon seeing the alerted crew the boat moved away. As most of the crew gathered on the forecandle another boat approached the ship from the stern. Two robbers boarded via the poop deck and stole ship's property. Aft duty watchman spotted them and raised the alarm, resulting in the robbers fleeing.	Ship's property stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	ADARA Chemical tanker FIS (France) 23248 9587829	11/07/2015 13:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Vung Tau Anchorage Viet Nam 10° 10.50' N 107° 05.20' E	While at anchor, robbers reportedly boarded the chemical tanker unnoticed, stole ship's stores and fled. Evidence of the incident was discovered later in the day and reported to authorities. The Vung Tau Port Authority reported that 28 cans of paint were missing from the ship.	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Vung Tau Port Authority	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Viet Nam), ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	KING SUGAR Bulk carrier Panama 17025 9574183	15/07/2015 03:40 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Fertilizer Terminal, Ho Chi Minh City Port Viet Nam 10° 45.00' N 106° 42.00' E	Eight robbers armed with knives, in two wooden boats, approached and boarded the berthed bulk carrier. Duty crew on routine rounds spotted the robbers at the starboard side of the ship and immediately informed the duty officer who raised the alarm. The duty crew proceeded towards the robbers but aborted when they saw their knives. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew, the robbers disembarked the ship using a rope attached to the ship's railing and fled in two motorized boats. Ship's property stolen.	Ship's property stolen	Alarm raised	Yes Viet Nam MRCC	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Vietnam)	-

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5	BHAIRAVI Chemical tanker India 8625 9414319	23/07/2015 23:45 LT	ARABIAN SEA Kandla Anchorage India 22° 42.90' N 070° 04.20' E	The third officer on board the anchored tanker spotted two robbers in a small boat, who had boarded the ship from the starboard bow using a ladder. As the robbers attempted to steal ship's property, the Master on the bridge raised the general alarm followed by a PA announcement and all crew mustered on the forecastle deck in response. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers jumped overboard and fled. Subsequently, the crew conducted checks in all deck stores, following which it was determined that nothing had been stolen. Port Control informed.	-	General alarm raised, PA announcement broadcast and the crew mustered	Yes Kandla Tower	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India)	-
6	STAR KESTREL Chemical tanker Panama 30068 9321940	24/07/2015 04:45 LT	ARABIAN SEA Kandla Anchorage India 22° 48.50' N 070° 02.50' E	Duty watchman spotted two robbers on the forecastle of the anchored tanker and informed the duty officer on the bridge. The alarm was raised and the crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers fled with stolen ship's property. Master informed Port authorities and the Company Security Officer (CSO).	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised, crew mustered, search conducted and security level 2 implemented on board	Yes Kandla Tower	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (India)	-
7	DIAMOND ETERNITY Tanker Singapore 60379 9529346	26/07/2015 01:45 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Berth No.1, Chevron Terminal, Dumai Port Indonesia 01° 41.20' N 101° 28.30' E	Robbers boarded the berthed tanker, entered the engine room and stole ship's spares before fleeing. Master reported the incident to the Owners.	Ship's spares stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	SILVER DUBAI Product tanker Panama 29327 9683427	26/07/2015 03:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Davao Port inner anchorage Philippines 07° 11.00' N 125° 40.00' E	Two robbers in a small boat boarded the anchored product tanker. Alert duty crew informed the OOW who raised the alarm. All crew mustered and a search was subsequently conducted, following which it was determined that ship's stores had been stolen. Incident reported to local agents.	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised, crew mustered and search conducted on board	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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

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**IN TERRITORIAL WATERS**

1	SETAGAWA Oil tanker Panama 159936 9391763	26/07/2015 05:40 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Appr. 5.1nm SW of Pulau Nipah - Straits of Malacca and Singapore Indonesia 01° 04.70' N 103° 36.00' E	Unknown persons in an unlit boat attempted to board the tanker underway. Duty anti-piracy crew flashed high beam lights towards the boat as it came to within 20 metres of the ship, resulting in the boat aborting the attempt and moving away. Singapore VTIS informed.	-	High beam lights flashed at the unlit boat	Yes Singapore VTIS and Singapore Port Authority	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	Republic of Singapore Navy and Singapore Police Coast Guard were informed. Indonesian authorities also notified	
2	GALLIA GRAECA Bulk carrier Cyprus 39035 9221607	31/07/2015 01:45 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Appr. 2.1nm SW of Pulau Takong Kecil - Straits of Malacca and Singapore Indonesia 01° 04.50' N 103° 41.80' E	Five suspected robbers armed with knives in a small unlit high speed boat approached the bulk carrier underway. One of the robbers attempted to board the ship using a hook attached to a rope. An alert crewmember spotted the robber, raised the alarm and other crewmembers rushed to the location. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew's alertness, the robbers aborted the attempted attack and moved away. Incident reported to VTIS Singapore. On arrival at Singapore waters, the Coast Guard boarded the ship for investigation.	-	Alarm raised, crewmembers rushed to the location of incident	Yes Singapore VTIS	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Ship boarded by Coast Guard for investigation	

**IN PORT AREA**

1	CREST ODYSSEY 1 Supply ship Singapore 49387 9554585	16/07/2015 03:10 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Bias Delta Pratama Lay Up Anchorage, Batam Indonesia 00° 44.20' N 104° 09.80' E	While at anchor, a group of six unknown persons on a fishing boat attempted to board the ship from the starboard air dive station. The A/B verbally confronted them and contacted the watchkeeping oiler and the shipping company. The group moved away immediately.	-	-	Yes Bias Delta Control	ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)	-	
2	CHALLENGE PACIFIC Product tanker Singapore 26911 9347310	20/07/2015 04:40 LT	EAST AFRICA Mbaraki Terminal, Mombasa Port Kenya 04° 04.60' S 039° 39.80' E	Two suspected robbers attempted to board the berthed tanker during cargo operations. The crew and shore watchmen spotted the robbers trying to gain access via the mooring lines and raised the alarm. Upon seeing the alertness of the crew the robbers aborted and moved away. Port control informed. A Coast Guard patrol boat was dispatched to investigate.	-	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Coast Guard patrol boat dispatched to investigate	

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