REPORTS ON STOWAWAY INCIDENTS

1 In 1997 the IMO Assembly adopted resolution A.871(20) - “Guidelines on the Allocation of Responsibilities to seek the Successful Resolution of Stowaway Cases”, by means of which Governments were invited to develop, in co-operation with the industry, comprehensive strategies to prevent intending stowaways from gaining access to ships. Shipping companies, shipowners and ship operators were also invited to take on the relevant responsibilities set out in the Guidelines and to guide their masters and crews as to their respective responsibilities in stowaway cases.

2 The above resolution requested the Facilitation Committee to continue to monitor the effectiveness of the Guidelines on the basis of information provided by Governments and industry, to keep them under review and to take such further action, including the development of a binding relevant instrument, as may be considered necessary in the light of developments.

3 Member Governments and international organizations in consultative status are, therefore, invited to provide the Organization, on a monthly basis, with:

   .1 statistical data on stowaway incidents which occurred since the date of adoption of the present circular (10 September 1999), using the attached reporting format; and

   .2 information on their experience gained with the Guidelines and the measures taken for and obstacles encountered with their implementation.

4 Member Governments are also invited to provide the Organization, three months before each session of the Committee at the latest, with a summary of their national legislation addressing stowaway incidents or, in the absence of such legislation, a summary of current practice. Such submissions need only to be made once and updated as necessary.

5 Member Governments and international organizations are further invited to encourage shipping companies, shipowners, ship operators, ship masters and industry organizations concerned to report, in the attached form, any relevant information, for the purpose of assisting the Committee in its further work on the Guidelines. The reporting party may submit the information collected to either Member Governments or international organizations for transmission to the Organization.

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<th>Dates* and Places* of attempted disembarkations</th>
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*Please indicate by using an asterisk ** if the information is not confirmed

** The following information can be provided when available: Particular data on embarkation, presence on board, reason for failed disembarkation, disembarkation, repatriation and legal status of stowaways