To: All IMO Member States

Subject: Request for information on national legislation on piracy

In consideration of the escalation of acts of piracy during the course of 2008, the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) is undertaking a review of existing State legislation to prevent and punish the crimes of piracy and armed robbery at sea.

To assist in this review, Member States are kindly requested to submit samples of national legislation, if any, to prevent, combat and punish acts of piracy and armed robbery at sea, as well as any pertinent information on such national legislation.

The information and text of the legislation should be submitted, if possible, in one of the IMO’s official working languages (English, French and Spanish), preferably by e-mail to: info@imo.org.