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, the annex hereto provides, in the tabulated format agreed by the Committee, the summary of reports on incidents received between 1 and 31 May 2017 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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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 subparagraph (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.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 April 2017 being MSC.4/Circ.238, MSC.4/Circ.239, MSC.4/Circ.240, MSC.4/Circ.241, MSC.4/Circ.242, MSC.4/Circ.243, MSC.4/Circ.244, MSC.4/Circ.245 (annual 2016), MSC.4/Circ.246, MSC.4/Circ.247, MSC.4/Circ.248 and MSC.4/Circ.249.

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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

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<td>1 ALICE</td>
<td>Chemical tanker</td>
<td>Marshall Islands</td>
<td>4202</td>
<td>9520273</td>
<td>28/05/2017</td>
<td>23:00 LT</td>
<td>SOUTH CHINA SEA Approx. 23.5 nm southwest of Pulau Mangkal, Indonesia 02° 49.90’ N 105° 17.40’ E</td>
<td>While underway, six pirates armed with guns and knives boarded the ship using a rope. The Master and crew members were tied up; and ship’s cash, crew members personal belongings and cash were stolen. The pirates thereafter fled in a small boat. After the pirates left the ship, the Master managed to untie himself and reported the incident to his Company Security Officer (CSO).</td>
<td>Ship’s cash, crew personal belongings and cash stolen. The Master and crew members tied up.</td>
<td>The Master managed to untie himself and reported the incident to his CSO.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>IFC Singapore</td>
<td>Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore), Information Fusion Centre</td>
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<td>2 GLORY</td>
<td>General cargo ship</td>
<td>Antigua and Barbuda</td>
<td>6393</td>
<td>9378254</td>
<td>17/05/2017</td>
<td>17:06 UTC</td>
<td>MALACCA STRAIT Approx. 7.8nm SSW of Pulau Kukup, Johor Malaysia 01° 16.60’ N 103° 17.60’ E</td>
<td>While underway, the 2nd Engineer spotted six robbers armed with knives in the engine room. Upon being spotted, the robbers forced the 2nd Engineer to show them the way out of the engine room. Nothing was stolen as the robbers were sighted before they could steal anything. The alarm was sounded immediately and a search was conducted on board the ship. No robbers were found. A report was made to the Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) via VHF.</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Alarm raised and a search conducted.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>VTIS</td>
<td>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)</td>
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<td>3 TRF MARQUETTE</td>
<td>Chemical tanker</td>
<td>Marshall Islands</td>
<td>22676</td>
<td>9732785</td>
<td>18/05/2017</td>
<td>03:00 LT</td>
<td>SOUTH AMERICA (C) Approx. 4nm West of Leccheria Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) 10° 11.31’ N 064° 46.16’ W</td>
<td>Robbers boarded by using rope and grappling hook to climb up to the main deck break of the forecastle area. Robbers stole ship’s equipment and stores, then fled unnoticed.</td>
<td>Ship’s equipment and stores stolen</td>
<td>Master and crew members searched ship for missing items and any suspicious item</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur</td>
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IN PORT AREA

1. **GLORY OCEAN**
   - **Description**: Cement carrier
   - **Vessel Details**: 10337 1116448
   - **Position**: 18° 14.75’ N 61° 03.14’ W
   - **Date/Time**: 02/05/2017 06:50 UTC
   - **Event**: Alarm raised and crew mustered
   - **Flag State (Singapore)**
   - **Contact**: ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur
   - **Local Port Authority**: Yes
   - **PFSO with additional armed guards**: Yes

   **Details**: Three robbers armed with knives boarded the berthed ship. The alarm was raised and crew mustered. Upon seeing the crew alertness, the robbers fled without stealing anything.

2. **UNIQUE DEVELOPER**
   - **Description**: Product tanker
   - **Vessel Details**: 9439747 39906
   - **Position**: 13° 51.02’ S 127° 31.02’ W
   - **Date/Time**: 02/05/2017 23:15 LT
   - **Event**: Alarm raised, PA announcement made and crew mustered.
   - **Flag State (Singapore)**
   - **Contact**: ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur
   - **Local Port Authority and flag State (Singapore)**
   - **ReCAAP Focal Point (Hong Kong)**

   **Details**: While at anchor, two robbers speaking in local dialect, armed with swords, boarded the poop deck of the ship from a three to four metres long boat with two other robbers on board.

   The duty crew spotted the robbers boarding the ship, informed the bridge and the duty officer raised the alarm by sounding the ship whistle followed by making an announcement over the PA system. The robbers fled without stealing anything.

3. **NORD MARU**
   - **Description**: Bulk carrier
   - **Vessel Details**: 9284491
   - **Position**: 05° 57.50’ S 106° 55.60’ E
   - **Date/Time**: 03/05/2017 01:00 LT
   - **Event**: Ship’s stores stolen
   - **Flag State (Singapore)**
   - **Contact**: ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur
   - **Local port authority and flag State (Singapore)**
   - **ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)**

   **Details**: While at anchor, the duty roving crew spotted three robbers boarding the ship through the stern from a wooden boat. The duty crew reported the sighting to the duty officer. The general alarm was immediately activated, and the robbers fled in an unlit wooden boat.

4. **KOTA LUKIS**
   - **Description**: Container ship
   - **Vessel Details**: 9439747
   - **Position**: 05° 16.30’ S 111° 37.90’ E
   - **Date/Time**: 04/05/2017 01:30 LT
   - **Event**: Alarm raised, ship’s walkie-talkie and personal belongings of the duty AB and the security watchman stolen.
   - **Flag State (Singapore)**
   - **Contact**: ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur
   - **Local port authority and flag State (Singapore)**
   - **ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)**

   **Details**: While at anchor, two robbers speaking in local dialect, armed with swords, boarded the poop deck of the ship from a three to four metres long boat with two other robbers on board.

   The attacked took place after the AB completed his anti-piracy rounds. The armed guards on routine rounds sighted the robber and informed the OOW who raised the alarm and instructed the crew to report the incident to the bridge. The local authority advised the ship to implement the anti-piracy watch.

5. **PRABHU LAL**
   - **Description**: Bulk carrier
   - **Vessel Details**: 30057
   - **Position**: 05° 57.50’ S 106° 55.60’ E
   - **Date/Time**: 11/05/2017 20:12 LT
   - **Event**: Alarm raised, crew mustered and search conducted
   - **Flag State (Singapore)**
   - **Contact**: ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur
   - **Local port authority and flag State (Singapore)**
   - **ReCAAP Focal Point (Singapore)**

   **Details**: While at anchor, a robber armed with knife boarded the ship via the anchor chain. The duty A/B on routine rounds sighted the robber and informed the OOW who raised the alarm and instructed the crew to conduct a search on board. No sign of the armed robbers was found.

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mustered the crew. Upon hearing the alarm and realizing that the crew had been alerted, the robber fled via the anchor chain and fled in a speed boat. A search was conducted on board the ship, following which it was determined that nothing had been stolen.

Red Sea

**SC DALIAN**
Chemical tanker
Hong Kong, China
8539
9430454

21/05/2017
03:30 LT
MALACCA STRAIT
MSSP Jetty, Lubuk Gaung Port, Dumai Indonesia
01° 43.72' N
101° 23.21' E

Six robbers wearing face masks and armed with long knives boarded the berthed tanker. The alert crew spotted the robbers and raised the alarm. The robbers stole ship's property and fled in their boat. Crew mustered and a search was carried out, following which it was determined that the outboard engine of a rescue boat had been stolen.

**VECTIS EAGLE**
General cargo ship
United Kingdom
6190
9594286

24/05/2017
04:20 UTC
SOUTH AMERICA (C)
Approx. 1.05nm East of Isla Boraccha, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
10° 17.22' N
064° 42.79' W

Six robbers boarded the anchored ship from the sea side in the vicinity of the Guanta port during the hours of darkness. They tried to open the paint room and forecastle store room, but they only managed to open the forecastle store room. Deck security alarm activated and the deck watchman spotted the robbers and informed duty officer who raised the alarm and crew mustered. Upon seeing the alerted crew, the robbers fled immediately. A search was carried out, following which it was determined that ship's stores was stolen. The Master tried to contact Port Authorities by VHF but received no response.

**NAME WITHHELD**
Product tanker
Saudi Arabia
29165

24/05/2017
22:15 UTC
MALACCA STRAIT
Dumai Anchorage Indonesia
01° 43.10' N
101° 25.80' E

Two robbers armed with a machetes boarded the anchored product tanker. The alarm was raised and crew mustered. The robbers fled with stolen ship's property.

**NORDATLANTIC**
Container ship
Cyprus
25407
9241451

26/05/2017
02:00 UTC
WEST AFRICA
Freeport Offloads Anchorage
Sierra Leone
08° 26.33' N
013° 28.16' W

Robbers boarded the anchored container ship unnoticed, stole ship's property and fled. The theft was discovered by duty crew during routine rounds.

**UNI CHALLENGE**
Bulk carrier
Singapore
18465
9606546

31/05/2017
21:00 UTC
INDIAN OCEAN
Cilacap Anchorage Indonesia
07° 45.65' S
109° 04.25' E

While at anchor, the duty oiler reported to the 2nd Officer that a robber was found in the engine room. The Master raised the alarm, proceeded to the ship's aft station and engine room and noticed that the access watertight door in the main deck to the engine room was open. A search was conducted but no robber was found on board. The chief engineer discovered that some spares from the engine stores room were missing.

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**ReCAAP Focal Point**

**watch**

**ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre**

Kuala Lumpur

**ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong, China)**

**Flag state**

**Local Port Authority and Coast Guards**

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**MSC.4/Circ. 250 ANNEX I**
### ANNEX II

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<td>POSH CONQUEST</td>
<td>Supply ship</td>
<td>Panama</td>
<td>2736</td>
<td>9451654</td>
<td>16/05/2017</td>
<td>18:03 UTC</td>
<td>SOUTH CHINA SEA</td>
<td>An offshore supply ship underway was approached by a small speed boat, which closed to approximately 30 metres. The alarm was raised, crew mustered and fire pump started to charge fire hoses. Upon seeing the alerted crew the boat aborted and moved away.</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Alarm raised, crew mustered, main fire pump started to charge fire hoses</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>MUSKIE</td>
<td>Tanker</td>
<td>Marshall Islands</td>
<td>42771</td>
<td>9256638</td>
<td>31/05/2017</td>
<td>06:47 UTC</td>
<td>ARABIAN SEA</td>
<td>Ship was approached by two skiffs. Multiple rocket propelled grenades were fired at the ship from one of the skiffs. The armed security team on board returned fire. Later, an explosion was observed on one of the skiffs and the second skiff moved away. UKMTO was notified and two naval ships were dispatched to the location. MUSKIE sustained some damage from the attack, but is reported to be safe with no injuries to the crew.</td>
<td>Pirates fired upon the tanker. The tanker sustained damage</td>
<td>Alarm raised and non-essential crew muster in the citadel. The onboard armed security team fired warning shots</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur</td>
<td>Two warships proceeded to the area to assist the tanker</td>
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<td>NAVIOS HIOS</td>
<td>Bulk carrier</td>
<td>Greece</td>
<td>31169</td>
<td>9254733</td>
<td>07/05/2017</td>
<td>14:40 UTC</td>
<td>PERSIAN GULF</td>
<td>Duty officer onboard a bulk carrier underway, spotted three suspicious skiffs approaching the ship. At the same time a vessel suspected to be the mother vessel was seen astern at a distance of 2 NM. As the skiffs closed the crew observed the persons in the boat holding ladders. The alarm was raised, speed increased, evasive manoeuvres commenced and Ras al Khor Port contacted, who informed the Iranian Navy. As the bulk carrier changed course the skiffs and the suspected mother vessel followed. After around 20 minutes the Iranian Navy called the bulk carrier to alter course at which point the skiffs aborted and moved away. All crew safe.</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Alarm raised, speed increased, evasive manoeuvres commenced</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur</td>
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A suspicious boat was approaching from the aft of the ship. Duty officer alerted to duty men on deck. As the boat came alongside on port quarter, all crew were alerted, the whistle/alarm was sounded, started fire pump for water jets on ship sides. The boat circled the ship closely then moved away. Incident informed to Abidjan port control on VHF Ch.12. Seven persons spotted in that boat.

Alarm raised, ship’s whistle sounded, fire pump started and crew alerted

Abidjan Port Authority