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 30 September 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.

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."
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.

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 31 August 2017 being 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, MSC.4/Circ.249, MSC.4/Circ.250, MSC.4/Circ.251, MSC.4/Circ.252 and MSC.4/Circ.253.

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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>MGT 1</td>
<td>Product tanker</td>
<td>Thailand</td>
<td>983</td>
<td>9019975</td>
<td>06/09/2017</td>
<td>06:00 LT</td>
<td>SOUTH CHINA SEA 54 nm east off Kuala Dungun, Kuala Terengganu Malaysia 05° 08.37’ N 104° 16.62’ E</td>
<td>While underway from Rayong port, Thailand to Andaman Sea, 13 pirates armed with knives and guns boarded the ship from two small speedboats. The pirates forced the crew members to switch off the AIS and transfer one million litres of diesel oil (out of 2.2 million litres contained in the tanker) to a mother ship. The crew activated the SSAS alarm.</td>
<td>Pirates took hostage all crew members and took over the tanker. One million litres of diesel out of 2.2 million litres were transferred from the ship to the pirates mother ship.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) and Thai-MECC</td>
<td>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Thailand)</td>
<td>Upon receipt of the report, MMEA conducted continuous monitoring of the ship and dispatched two ships and a helicopter to the location of the incident.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>SENNA 3</td>
<td>LPG tanker</td>
<td>Thailand</td>
<td>3499</td>
<td>9179270</td>
<td>08/09/2017</td>
<td>02:10 LT</td>
<td>SOUTH CHINA SEA Approx. 52 nm east of Johor Bahru Malaysia 02° 03.55’ N 104° 59.28’ E</td>
<td>While underway, four pirates wearing masks, armed with swords, boarded the ship from a speedboat which had a white and dark blue hull and Yamaha outboard engine. While onboard the ship, the pirates tied the 2nd Officer and the AB at the wheel house. Thereafter, they cut the wires of the ship’s VHF handset and Inmarsat C-mini. The pirates also took the personal effects belonging to the master, chief officers, chief engineer, and 2nd Crew members personal items and ship’s property stolen</td>
<td>The Master sent the distress signal by INMARSAT-C and email to Emergency Response Team (ERT).</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>MARSEC Thailand, Vietnam MRCC, Singapore MRCC thru INMARSAT-C and ERT, MPA Singapore and Information Fusion Centre (IFC)</td>
<td>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Thailand)</td>
<td>Vietnam MRCC and Singapore MRCC acknowledged the distress signal and offered assistance to</td>
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**IN TERRITORIAL WATERS**

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<td>FORTIS MALTHEA</td>
<td>08/09/2017</td>
<td>03:16 UTC</td>
<td>WEST AFRICA Consider Anchorage Guinea 09° 21.96’ N 013° 44.68’ W</td>
<td>Seven robbers armed with knives and crowbars boarded the anchored ship. They stole Master's and ship's property and fled. All crew safe.</td>
<td>Master's and ship's property stolen</td>
<td>ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>ZHEN HUA 18</td>
<td>30/09/2017</td>
<td>04:30 LT</td>
<td>SOUTH CHINA SEA Approx. 10.18 nm northeast of Tanjung Berasikit, Pulau Britan Indonesia 01° 22.50’ N 104° 44.00’ E</td>
<td>While at anchor, three robbers armed with long knives boarded at the stern of the ship using hooks. The duty officer alerted the Master who raised the alarm. The crew was mustered and a search was conducted. The Master reported the incident to the Company Security Officer (CSO).</td>
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<td>Yes Information Fusion Centre (IFC)</td>
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**IN PORT AREA**

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<td>PETION</td>
<td>01/09/2017</td>
<td>03:15 UTC</td>
<td>SOUTH AMERICA (C) Puerto La Cruz Anchorage Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) 10° 14.30’ N 064° 44.00’ W</td>
<td>Five robbers in a small fishing boat armed with guns, knives and sticks boarded the anchored tanker. They assaulted the aft duty watchman, tied him up and took him hostage on board. When the watchman failed to report, the OOW sent another duty crew to investigate. The OOW was notified about the robbers and the alarm was raised. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers jumped overboard and fled in their boat. A search was carried out, the watchman was found with minor injuries and ship's stores had been stolen. Port control was informed through local agents.</td>
<td>The robbers assaulted the aft duty watchman and tied him up. Watchman had minor injuries and ship's stores stolen</td>
<td>No ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>NORGAS PAN</td>
<td>02/09/2017</td>
<td>06:20 UTC</td>
<td>SOUTH AMERICA (C) Cartagena Inner Anchorage Colombia 10° 19.26’ N 075° 32.20’ W</td>
<td>Duty officer onboard the anchored tanker spotted a small boat approaching near the bow and asked the duty watch crew to investigate. Upon checking, the duty crew reported that the padlock to the forepeak store and paint locker had been broken and ship's stores and property stolen.</td>
<td>Padlock to the forepeak store and paint locker broken. Ship's stores and property stolen</td>
<td>No ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>ARETI. GR</td>
<td>03/09/2017</td>
<td>01:45 LT</td>
<td>INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Alpha Anchorage Bangladesh 22° 14.06’ N 091° 45.53’ E</td>
<td>Four robbers armed with long knives boarded the anchored ship during cargo operations. They broke the padlock to the store and stole eight pails of grease. The incident lasted for about 10 minutes. The watchmen and duty AB on routine rounds spotted the robbers on the forecastle and informed the bridge. The alarm was raised and crew alerted. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers fled. Port control and Coast Guard were informed.</td>
<td>Padlock to the store broken and 8 pails of grease stolen.</td>
<td>Alarm raised and crew alerted</td>
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The Indonesian Navy boarded and conducted the investigation.
Seven robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the anchored tanker. They attacked two watchman’s and tied them up. When the watchman’s did not report to the bridge, the OOW sent a crew to investigate. The Master was informed and the alarm was raised. Upon seeing the crew alertness, the robbers fled with stolen ship’s stores. Terminal authority notified.

The robbers attacked two watchman’s and tied them up, one crew member injured and ship’s stores stolen. Alarm raised and crew alerted. No

While at anchor, the bulk carrier started loading coal by a floating crane at 1830 hrs. One crew member was on standby at the port side gangway entrance and another assisting with cargo operation and de-ballasting. A security round was carried out at 0300 hrs.

At about 0430 hrs, two duty ABs found that the skylight door at the forecastle of the ship was in open position and the D-ring bracket was broken. The crew had previously secured said skylight door with double padlocks and they made fast all butterfly nuts and lashed it from within.

The ABs informed the duty officer and a search was conducted in the Boatswain store. Two coils of spare mooring rope were found missing. The crew reported incident to the flag State and agent. The agent made a police report.

Three crew members assaulted and ship’s property stolen. A search was carried out. The crew reported the incident to the flag State and agent. The agent made a police report. Yes

Approximately seven robbers armed with a guns, knives and iron bars boarded the anchored ship. They assaulted three crew members, stole ship’s property and fled. Authority was informed.

Robbers boarded the anchored ship unnoticed during cargo operations. Duty crew on routine rounds discovered that the padlock to the paint store was broken. It was reported that 650 litres of paint and crew personal belongings had been stolen. Incident reported to port authority through local agents.

The padlock to the ship’s paint store broken, 650 litres of paint and crew personal belongings stolen. Incident reported to port authority through local agents. Yes

A robber boarded the anchored tanker. The duty crew spotted the robber and raised the alarm resulting in the robber fled empty handed. Incident reported to the local authority.

Alarm raised and crew mustered. Yes

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9 NAME WITHHELD  
Bulk carrier  
Bahamas  
19972  
22/09/2017  
03:00 UTC  
SOUTH AMERICA (C)  
Puerto Jose Anchorage  
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)  
10° 09.27' N  
064° 47.63' W  
Duty officer onboard the anchored ship raised the alarm when the duty AB did not respond to a call on the walkie talkie. The crew mustered and carried out a search for the duty AB who was found tied up on the forecastle. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the alerted crew the robbers were seen fled. Upon inspecting the boatswain store it was found large quantity of ship’s stores had been stolen. Authority notified.

10 BEBATIK  
Tanker  
Brunei Darussalam  
48612  
7121633  
25/09/2017  
22:06 LT  
SOUTH CHINA SEA (B)  
Bauan Anchorage,  
Batangas  
Philippines  
13° 46.00' N  
120° 58.00' E  
While at anchor, the duty roving watch spotted an unidentified robber at the forecastle of the ship. He reported the incident to the OOW who sounded the ship’s alarm. Upon hearing the alarm, the robber jumped into the water and fled away in a small boat with two other persons on board. A search was conducted, following which it was determined that 6 pcs fire hydrant brass caps and 4 pcs fire hydrant nozzles had been stolen.

11 SEAWAYS JOSEFA CAMEJO  
Oil tanker  
Marshall Islands  
62385  
9213301  
29/09/2017  
02:30 UTC  
SOUTH AMERICA (C)  
Puerto La Cruz Anchorage  
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)  
10° 16.60' N  
064° 42.30' W  
Duty AB on board the anchored tanker spotted two robbers armed with knives on the poop deck and immediately informed the OOW. The alarm was raised, PA announcement was made and all crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers fled without stealing anything. Incident reported to port authority and the local agents.
While at anchor, the duty roving watch spotted three robbers climbing down the anchor chain of the ship. He ordered them to stop but the robbers immediately jumped into the water and fled in an unmarked motor banca. The crew was mustered. A search and inventory check was conducted, following which it was determined that ten (10) gallons paint, one (1) new electric scaling machine, two (2) fireman Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA); and one (1) portable welding machine had been stolen.

The following items were stolen:
1) ten (10) gallons paint;
2) one (1) new electric scaling machine;
3) two (2) fireman Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA); and
4) one (1) portable welding machine.

The incident was reported to the ship agent who reported to the port authority. Yes Vessel Traffic Management Station (VTMS) in Manila and Philippines Coast Guard (PCG) ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines), ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur

The PCG deployed floating assets and conducted maritime patrol.
### ANNEX II

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<td>Product tanker</td>
<td>Panama</td>
<td>28725</td>
<td>9459242</td>
<td>26/09/2017</td>
<td>02:30 UTC</td>
<td>SOUTH AMERICA (C) Port Au Prince Anchorage Haiti 18° 34.00' N 072° 24.00' W</td>
<td>Three robbers attempted to board the anchored tanker through the anchor chain hawse pipe. Duty crew spotted the robbers and raised the alarm, the robbers fled empty handed.</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Alarm raised and crew mustered</td>
<td>No</td>
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