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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 piracy¹ and armed robbery against ships² reported to the Organization and, in addition, to issue, on a quarterly basis, composite reports accompanied by an analysis, on a regional basis, of the situation and an indication whether the frequency of incidents is increasing or decreasing and advising of any new feature or pattern of significance, the annex hereto provides, in the tabulated format agreed by the Committee, the summary of reports on incidents received between 31 August 2008 and 30 September 2008, including a distinction between acts of piracy and acts of armed robbery against ships (annex 1) and attempted attacks (annex 2). Further and as instructed by the Committee (MSC 75/24, paragraph 18.41), the Secretariat has, since July 2002, started classifying 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.

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 4,730, an increase of 41 since 31 August 2008.

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 sub-paragraph (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.922(22), Annex, paragraph 2.2), as follows:

"Armed robbery against ships means any unlawful act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of "piracy", directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such ship, within a State's jurisdiction over such offences."

3 Previous incidents reported to the Organization since the fifty-ninth session of the Committee have been circulated by various MSC circulars, those issued (on an annual, quarterly and monthly basis) during the previous twelve months and up to August 2008 being MSC.4/Circ.110, MSC.4/Circ.111, MSC.4/Circ.112, MSC.4/Circ.113, MSC.4/Circ.114, MSC.4/Circ.115, MSC.4/Circ.116, MSC.4/Circ.117, MSC.4/Circ.118, MSC.4/Circ.119, MSC.4/Circ.120, MSC.4/Circ.121, MSC.4/Circ.122, MSC.4/Circ.123, MSC.4/Circ.124 and MSC.4/Circ.125.

ANNEX 1
Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly committed against ships reported by
Member States or international organizations in consultative status

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	CARRE D'AS IV Yacht France	02/09/2008 18:53 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden,	The yacht was enroute from Cocos (Keeling) Islands to Aden, Yemen, when it was attacked and hijacked by pirates. The crew were rescued by French military on 16 September	Yacht hijacked	Alarm raised	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	AL MANSOURAH General cargo ship Panama 9751 7707683	03/09/2008 09:30 LT	EAST AFRICA Off Al Mukalla, Yemeni Coast, Gulf of Aden 14° 27.00' N 049° 40.00' E	Twelve pirates armed with automatic guns and RPG in a small high speed craft attacked, boarded and hijacked the ship along with 25 crewmembers. They stole crew's personal belongings and cash. Further details are awaited	Ship hijacked and 25 crewmembers held hostage. Crew's personal belongings and all cash on board stolen	Alarm raised	Yes UKMTO Dubai and PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	MAERSK NEEDHAM Container ship Singapore 26671 9301938	07/09/2008 23:45 LT	WEST AFRICA Off Lagos Nigeria 06° 09.50' N 003° 35.00' E	Four pirates boarded the ship drifting from the poop deck. The pirates hit the duty watchman causing minor head injuries. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The pirates escaped with ship's stores. Port control contacted, but no response. Later, the ship moved away 30NM away from fairway buoy.	Duty watchman assaulted causing minor head injuries and ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes PRC relayed message to Nigerian High Commission, Malaysia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	No response from Port Control
4	BRIGHT RUBY Bulk carrier Republic of Korea 15872 8604474	10/09/2008 06:57 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 13° 09.06' N 047° 57.00' E	Pirates boarded and hijacked the ship underway and 21 crewmembers were held hostage. Ship released on 16 October 2008 on payment of ransom	Ship hijacked and 21 crewmembers held hostage	Alarm raised	Yes UKMTO Dubai and PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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5	STOLT VALOR Tanker Hong Kong, China 15732 9274290	15/09/2008 10:43 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 13° 34.91' N 049° 09.75' E	About 15 armed pirates boarded and hijacked the tanker underway. The tanker enroute to Mumbai, India, was carrying chemical products. 22 crewmembers were taken hostage. The pirates sailed the tanker into Somali waters	Pirates hijacked the tanker with 22 crewmembers	-	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
6	TORM FREYA Tanker Denmark 30058 9250490	18/09/2008 00:45 UTC	EAST AFRICA 18 NM Off Dar Es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania 06° 40.00' S 039° 35.00' E	Six pirates boarded the tanker drifting. They broke forward store and stole ship's stores. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Pirates jumped overboard and escaped in a waiting small craft	Pirates stole ship's stores	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Local authorities	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	CENTAURI Bulk carrier Malta 12812 7701354	18/09/2008 02:50 UTC	EAST AFRICA 250 NM Off Mogadishu, Somalia 02° 22.22' N 050° 55.26' E	Five armed pirates in a speedboat attacked the ship underway. They took hostage 25 crewmembers and hijacked the ship	Pirates took hostage 25 crewmembers and hijacked the ship	-	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	GREAT CREATION Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 18179 9175456	18/09/2008 06:18 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 14° 13.00' N 049° 59.00' E	About eight pirates armed with guns boarded the ship drifting due to engine problems. Pirates took hostage 25 crewmembers and hijacked the ship	Pirates hijacked the ship with 25 crewmembers	-	Yes MRCC Hong Kong	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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9	SAFMARINE ASIA Container ship Liberia 21887 8413887	20/09/2008 00:30 LT	EAST AFRICA Dar Es Salaam Anchorage, United Republic of Tanzania 06° 41.10' S 039° 26.20' E	Sixteen pirates, in a 15-meter long boat, armed with knives boarded the ship awaiting pilot. The pirates gained access to the ship via the forecastle deck. They took hostage three duty crew and tied them up, broke into three containers and stole cargo. D/O sent another crew to check the status of the three duty crewmembers who were not responding. The crew noticed the pirates and informed D/O who raised the alarm. All crew mustered and searched the forecastle. Pirates jumped overboard and escaped with crew personal belongings, ship's stores and property	The pirates took three duty crew and tied them up. They stole crew personal belongings, ship's stores and property	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Port control and coastal authority, PRC relayed message to Tanzania Harbour Authority & Tanzania High Commission in United Kingdom	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
10	CAPT STEFANOS Bulk carrier Bahamas 39035 9227194	21/09/2008 02:00 UTC	EAST AFRICA Off Somali Coast, Somalia 02° 30.00' N 051° 59.50' E	Four pirates in three speedboats attacked and boarded the ship underway. They took hostage 19 crewmembers and hijacked the ship	Pirates hijacked the ship with 19 crewmembers	-	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
11	FAINA Ro-ro-cargo ship Belize 10931 7419377	25/09/2008 16:00 LT	EAST AFRICA East Coast of Somalia, Somalia 02° 10.00' N 050° 40.00' E	Armed pirates boarded and hijacked the ship underway	Pirates took hostage the crewmembers and hijacked the ship	-	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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12	GENIUS Tanker Liberia 6765 9008811	26/09/2008 08:28 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 13° 32.23' N 048° 36.36' E	Armed pirates boarded and hijacked the tanker underway. The tanker sent mayday messages via VHF channel	Pirates took hostage the crewmembers and hijacked the tanker	Sent mayday messages	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
13	J.K.M. MUHIEDDINE Bulk carrier Panama 15099 7917123	30/09/2008 03:50 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Off Anambas Island, Indonesia 02° 48.00' N 105° 09.20' E	Eight pirates armed with long knives boarded the ship underway. Pirates tied up the captain and stole cash. Then they went to chief engineers' cabin and stole cash money. Later they took the captain to aft deck and tied him to the bollard before escaping	Pirates stole cash and personal properties	-	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy HQ, Puskodal, Indonesian Marine Police HQ & SAR Jakarta	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	SPAR NEPTUN Bulk carrier NIS (Norway) 36559 9077238	06/09/2008 02:40 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Tanjung Bara Anchorage Indonesia 00° 33.30' N 117° 43.40' E	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor, via the forecandle and stole ship's stores. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Robbers escaped	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy HQ, Puskodal, Marine Police HQ & SAR Basarnas	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	WHALE 7 Tug Singapore 227 9455428	07/09/2008 20:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA 12 NM of Pulau Tioman, Malaysia	The tug boat Whale 7 was towing Singapore-registered barge Sinobest 2503 from Singapore to Sattahip, Thailand, when three speed boats approached them around 8.30 pm. The 15 robbers, armed with knives, boarded and hijacked the tug boat and tied up the seven crew members and subsequently abandoned them on a remote beach on Pulau Tioman. The crew were unharmed and were later repatriated to Singapore	Robbers took hostage 7 crew members and hijacked the tug and barge	-	Yes PRC relayed message to Indonesian Navy, SAR Jakarta and MRCCs Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Coast Guard Singapore and Myanmar, Malaysia, Philippines, Brunei, Hong Kong	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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3	SINOBEST 2503 Barge carrier Singapore 1705	07/09/2008 20:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA 12 NM north of Pulau Tioman, Malaysia	The tug boat Whale 7 was towing Singapore-registered barge Sinobest 2503 from Singapore to Sattahip, Thailand, when three speed boats approached them around 8.30 pm. The 15 robbers, armed with knives, boarded and hijacked the tug boat and tied up the seven crew members and subsequently abandoned them on a remote beach on Pulau Tioman. The crew were unharmed and were later repatriated to Singapore The 15 robbers boarded the tug boat and tied up all seven members	Robbers took hostage 7 crew members and hijacked the tug and barge	-	Yes PRC relayed message to Indonesian Navy, SAR Jakarta and MRCCs Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Coast Guard Singapore and Myanmar, Malaysia, Philippines, Brunei, Hong Kong	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	GREATAF Tanker Marshall Islands 80274 8617201	20/09/2008 01:00 LT	WEST AFRICA 6.6 NM off Lagos Breakwater, Nigeria 06° 18.00' N 003° 19.00' E	Two robbers armed with knives boarded the tanker at anchor while conducting STS operations. Duty A/B noticed the robbers on the poop deck. He shouted at them and informed the D/O. Robbers caught the A/B, threatened him with a knife and took his personal belongings. Alarm raised, ship's whistle sounded and crew mustered. On hearing the alarm the robbers escaped. A/B received minor injuries	Robbers caught the A/B, threatened him with a knife and took his personal belongings. A/B received minor injuries	Alarm raised, ship's whistle sounded and crew mustered	Yes PRC relayed message to Nigerian High Commission, Malaysia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC	-
5	BERTA Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 6264 9184225	27/09/2008 21:40 UTC	WEST AFRICA Lagos Roadstead, Nigeria 06° 17.48' N 003° 24.00' E	One robber boarded the ship at anchor. Duty crew spotted the robber, raised the alarm and crew mustered. The robber jumped overboard and escaped in a waiting boat with accomplices. Ship's stores stolen	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes PRC relayed message to Nigerian High Commission, Malaysia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN PORT AREA

1	COOL CHANGE Yacht Seychelles	20/07/2008 20:00 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Beau Vallon Bay, Mahe Island Seychelles	One robber boarded the yacht at anchor. He was spotted and chased away by the crew. Master informed that several other boats were also attacked on that night	-	Crew chased the robber	Yes PRC relayed message to Coast Guard Seychelles	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	CMA CGM AGUILA Container ship Cyprus 24053 9134505	08/09/2008 05:00 LT	WEST AFRICA Berth No.4, Tincan Island Container Terminal, Lagos Nigeria	Duty AB, on board the ship detected a suspicious boat. Upon checking, he discovered one robber had already boarded. There were six more robbers in the boat. Crew alerted and they rushed towards the robber. When the robber realized he had been detected, he jumped overboard and escaped	One container seal broken	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Terminal Security and PRC relayed message to Nigerian High Commission, Malaysia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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3	MAERSK ABERDEEN Container ship Hong Kong, China 14063 9175793	09/09/2008 02:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Vung Tau Anchorage, Viet Nam 10° 16.00' N 107° 05.90' E	Duty AB, onboard the ship at anchor, noticed one robber attempting to board via the anchor chain. Crew alerted. On seeing the alert crew, the robber jumped overboard and escaped in a waiting boat with three accomplices	-	Crew alerted	Yes PRC relayed message to Viet Nam Marine Police & Viet Nam Maritime Security Information Centre	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	KINSHIP PROSPERITY General cargo ship India 2002 8027884	13/09/2008 03:00 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Warf No.Q4, Cochin Port India 09° 57.75' N 076° 15.79' E	Two robbers armed with knives boarded the ship moored to buoys. They broke pad locks of forward store. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped empty handed in a wooden boat with eight accomplices. Port Control and Coast Guard informed	Robbers broke padlocks of forward store	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes Port Control, Coast Guard and PRC relayed message to Coast Guard HQ New Delhi, Coast Guard Mumbai, Coast Guard Chennai, MRCC Chennai & MRCC Mumbai	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Police boarded the ship and maintained patrol around the ship
5	NATASCHA C General cargo ship United Kingdom 7752 9267285	19/09/2008 21:45 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (A) 2NM North Of Guanta Port Venezuela 10° 16.30' N 064° 34.30' W	Five robbers boarded the ship at anchor, broke into the forecandle store and stole ship's stores and property. Alarm raised and crew mustered. Robbers escaped with stole items. Duty crew directed search light at the robber's boat and informed port control. Coast guard came on board the vessel to take statements and later searched for the robber's boat. Two hours later, the boat was found with the stolen items. Master went to police station to give statement and now waiting for court hearing in few months to receive the stolen items	Robbers stole ship's stores and property later recover	Raised alarm and crew mustered	Yes PRC relayed message to Naval Coast Guard Command	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Yes, Coast guard came on board the ship to take statements and later searched the robber's boat, which was found with stolen stole items
6	CMA CGM COMOIE Container ship Liberia 23633 9339868	23/09/2008 01:30 UTC	WEST AFRICA Tema Anchorage, Ghana 05° 33.00' N 000° 00.09' E	Robbers boarded the ship at anchor. They took hostage one crew member and stole ship's stores. Robbers fled when Master alerted the authorities	Robbers took hostage one crew member and stole ship's stores	-	Yes Port Control	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	KUO HUNG Container ship Panama 15075 9138159	24/09/2008 03:25 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Tg Priok Anchorage, Jakarta, Indonesia 06° 02.45' S 106° 54.61' E	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at anchor via the stern. Alert watchman notified duty officer who raised ship's alarm and whistle. Robbers immediately jumped overboard and escaped. The incident was reported to Tg. Priok port control, but there was no response	-	D/O raised alarm and sounded ship's whistle	Yes Port Control, PRC relayed message to Bakorkamla, Indonesian Navy HQ, Puskodal, Marine Police HQ & SAR Jakarta	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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1	ORSOLINA BOTTIGLIERI Bulk carrier Italy 39713 9219434	03/09/2008 14:36 UTC	EAST AFRICA 39NM off Yemen coast, Gulf of Aden 13° 36.90' N 049° 12.20' E	Two speedboats with five pirates in each boat attempted to board the ship underway. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew mustered. The pirates fired upon the ship. Master contacted coalition warships. The boats aborted the attempt at 1450 UTC and moved away. A coalition warship arrived at location and escorted the ship	Pirates fired upon the ship	Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and crew mustered	Yes MRCC Roma, Italy and PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	A coalition warship arrived at location and escorted the ship
2	JIN YUAN MEN General cargo ship Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 14991 7609207	05/09/2008 05:10 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 12° 57.50' N 047° 04.00' E	The ship underway, noticed a blue coloured tug suspected to be a pirate mother vessel, towing a small boat. The small boat suddenly proceeded at high speed and approached the ship. D/O raised alarm and crew mustered. Four pirates, armed with RPG and automatic weapons fired upon the ship in an attempt to board the ship. Master increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres. Crew activated fire hoses and threw hard objects to hit the pirates. Pirates kept on firing at the ship and at 0600 UTC, the pirates gave up the attempt and fled	Ship sustained damages	Master took evasive manoeuvres	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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3	SIGLOO DISCOVERY Gas carrier-LPG Singapore 7954 8511964	06/09/2008 07:05 UTC	EAST AFRICA 33NM south of Yemen coast, Gulf of Aden 12° 57.80' N 047° 01.60' E	About six pirates armed with RPG in a white speedboat approached the ship underway. Alarm raised, foghorn sounded, crew mustered and Chief Officer directed fire hose towards the boat. The pirates signalled to reduce speed and pointed RPG at the Chief Officer, who dropped the fire hose and entered the accommodation. Master increased ship speed to maximum and took evasive manoeuvres by giving large helm orders. This resulted in the speedboat rolling heavily, causing four pirates to fall overboard. The speedboat recovered the pirates and resumed chasing the ship again. Mayday broadcast made and SSAS activated. UKMTO Dubai and IMB Piracy Reporting Centre informed. The speedboat came close to the ship, but later gave up the chase and met up with a pirate mother vessel that was a raft with an orange cover. A passing ship informed that coalition warships were proceeding for assistance and were calling the ship on VHF	-	Master took evasive manoeuvres and activated SSAS alert	Yes UKMTO Dubai and PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	A coalition warship was proceeding to render assistance
4	FRONT VOYAGER Tanker Bahamas 88946 8902668	06/09/2008 10:00 UTC	EAST AFRICA 38NM off Yemen coast, Gulf of Aden 12° 57.00' N 047° 17.00' E	A blue-hulled vessel was spotted at a range of 6NM by the ship underway. A small speed boat was released from the mother vessel and it started approaching the ship. Alarm raised, speed increased, coalition warship contacted. The speedboat with five persons, armed with machine guns, fired upon the ship. When the coalition warship and a navy helicopter arrived, the speedboat aborted attack and moved towards mother vessel. Ship sustained damages. No injuries to crew	Two bullet dents found on the navigational bridge deck	Alarm raised, speed increased and coalition warship contacted	Yes Coalition forces and PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Coalition warship and a navy helicopter arrived

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5	FONARUN NAREE Bulk carrier Thailand 13881 8323862	07/09/2008 09:42 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 12° 46.00' N 045° 50.00' E	Pirates in two speedboats chased the ship underway. Owners contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) for assistance. Master advised to enforce anti piracy measures to prevent boarding. The authorities advised the Centre that every effort was being made to send assistance to the ship. At 1340 UTC Master reported that pirate boats had stopped chasing and the ship was continuing passage to destination port	-	Master raised alarm and altered course accordingly	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
6	OOCL TOKYO Container ship Hong Kong, China 89097 9310238	08/09/2008 05:00 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 12° 54.20' N 046° 04.20' E	Two high-speed boats crossed the bow of the ship underway at a distance of one NM and then turned towards the ship. Master altered course towards the speedboats. As the boats got closer, the master observed that the pirates on board were carrying guns. Attempt was aborted	-	Master altered course in a threatening way to hit the speedboats	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	OCEAN QUEEN Tanker Singapore 62863 9368223	08/09/2008 06:55 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 12° 45.48' N 046° 05.30' E	About ten speedboats chased the ship underway. Master took evasive manoeuvres and contacted the coalition naval forces for help. A coalition aircraft arrived at location. The speedboats aborted the attack	-	Raised alarm and took evasive manoeuvres	Yes Coalition forces and PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	A coalition aircraft arrived at location

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									Coastal State Action Taken
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

8	DARYA GYAN Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 27996 9230127	10/09/2008 02:30 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 12° 40.50' N 048° 22.50' E	A speedboat chased and fired upon the ship. The ship took evasive action and contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre for assistance. The coalition Navy sent a warship and a helicopter which flew over the speedboat and interrupted the attack. The attack was aborted. The ship continued her passage to destination port. No damage to the ship and no injury to crew	-	Master took evasive manoeuvres and fired rocket flares. Crew activated fire hoses and SSAS alert	Yes Coalition forces and PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Coalition Navy sent a warship and a helicopter which flew over the speed boat and interrupted the attack
9	MICHAEL S Bulk carrier Malta 27996 9230127	10/09/2008 02:30 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 12° 40.50' N 048° 22.50' E	One speed boat chased the ship and opened fire at it. The ship took evasive actions and contacted the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre for assistance. Duty officer at the centre informed coalition navy. Coalition navy sent a warship and a helicopter flew over the speed boat forcing pirates to abort attempt. The ship continued her passage to destination port. No damage to the ship and no injury to crew	-	Contacted IMB Piracy Reporting Centre and coalition forces	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
10	LE TONG General cargo ship China 15589 9175444	12/09/2008 15:13 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden 13° 24.00' N 048° 20.00' E	Eight pirates in a skiff chased the ship underway. They fired upon the ship and attempted to board. Master contacted coalition warships. A helicopter intervened and the pirates aborted the attempt.	Pirates fired upon the ship	Alarm raised	Yes Coalition warships and PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	A Coalition warship helicopter intervened and the pirates aborted the attempt

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

11	GOLDEN ELIZABETH Tanker Panama 9599 9170949	13/09/2008 04:40 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 13° 32.50' N 048° 47.50' E	Speed boats chased the tanker underway. Master increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres to prevent boarding, altered course southward to rendezvous with a coalition warship. Speedboats approached as close as two cables before aborting the attempt	-	Master increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres	Yes Coalition warships and MRCC France	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
12	DRENNEC Fishing vessel Mayotte (France) 2732 9359703	13/09/2008 09:00 UTC	EAST AFRICA 450 NM off Mogadishu, Somalia 02° 10.00' N 054° 40.00' E	Three white coloured speedboats possibly from a mother ship armed with RPG fired upon and tried to close onto the fishing vessel underway. The Master increased speed and moved away. No injuries to crew and no damage to the vessel	Pirates fired upon the fishing vessel	Master increased speed and manoeuvred away	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
13	SHOU CHANG HAI Bulk carrier China 27766 8316508	14/09/2008 14:35 UTC	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 13° 38.87' N 048° 59.00' E	Duty officer on board the ship noticed a "mother vessel" (red colour) releasing speed boats which approached the ship. Six pirates in the speed boat opened fire at the ship. Master attempted to contact coalition warships, but there was no response. Anti piracy measures were enforced. Ten minutes later attempt was aborted	Pirates fired upon the ship	Master took evasive manoeuvres. Crew mustered and activated fire hoses	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
14	JO OAK Chemical tanker Norway 22772 8112495	18/09/2008 06:30	EAST AFRICA 40 NM SE of Al Mukalla, Gulf of Aden 13° 54.00' N 049° 31.00' E	Two white hull boats with several persons on board approached aggressively towards the tanker underway. Master raised alarm, increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and contacted coalition forces. SSAS activated and crew mustered. The boats kept on following and at 0700 UTC, aborted the attempt.	-	Master raised alarm, increased speed and took evasive manoeuvres	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

15	HENGAM Tanker Malta 160930 9212905	20/09/2008 17:00 UTC	EAST AFRICA Off Somali Coast, Somalia 02° 37.00' N 051° 25.00' E	Three pirates armed with machine guns and RPG in a white coloured fast boat chased and fired upon the ship underway. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, sent distress message, raised alarm, crew mustered and activated fire hoses. Pirates aborted the attempted boarding after 30 minutes	Pirates fired upon the ship	Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres, sent distress message, raised alarm, crew mustered and activated fire hoses	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	UNI-PREMIER Container ship Panama 17887 9202223	19/09/2008 13:39 LT	EAST AFRICA Gulf of Aden, 13° 13.06' N 049° 31.04' E	Twelve robbers, in three speedboats, armed with automatic guns and rocket propelled grenade launchers chased the ship. Master increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and fire hoses directed at the speedboats. The robbers approached the ship on stbd bow and tried to board. Later, attempt was aborted	-	Increased speed, took evasive manoeuvres and fire hoses directed at the speedboats	Yes PRC relayed message to CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, UKMTO Dubai, NATO Northwood, Alindien, Marlo Bahrain, NATO UK, CTF 150 N2, CIFC Watch, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer & Yemen Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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