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# INFORMATION RESOURCES ON PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AT SEA AGAINST SHIPS

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## **Definition**

### **What is Piracy?**

The following definition of piracy is contained in article 101 et seq of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS):

### **Article 101**

*Definition of 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 of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described in subparagraph (a) or (b).*

## **IMO MATERIAL ON THE WEBSITE**

**SeaLibrary Online. Maritime Knowledge Centre Catalogues online.**

[http://www.imo.org/InfoResource/mainframe.asp?topic\\_id=827](http://www.imo.org/InfoResource/mainframe.asp?topic_id=827)

**Piracy and armed robbery at sea .** [http://www.imo.org/Safety/mainframe.asp?topic\\_id=363](http://www.imo.org/Safety/mainframe.asp?topic_id=363)

**Reports on Acts of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships**

[http://www.imo.org/Circulars/index.asp?topic\\_id=334](http://www.imo.org/Circulars/index.asp?topic_id=334)

**Arming of merchant vessels IMO advice** [http://www.imo.org/Facilitation/mainframe.asp?topic\\_id=1834](http://www.imo.org/Facilitation/mainframe.asp?topic_id=1834)

**Directory of Maritime Links** [http://www.imo.org/InfoResource/mainframe.asp?topic\\_id=409](http://www.imo.org/InfoResource/mainframe.asp?topic_id=409)

**Piracy in waters off the coast of Somalia.** [http://www.imo.org/dynamic/mainframe.asp?topic\\_id=1178](http://www.imo.org/dynamic/mainframe.asp?topic_id=1178)

**IMO Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) - [Status of Compliance: SOLAS Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code](#)** (Data on the Status of Compliance with the maritime security provisions of SOLAS Chapter XI-2 and the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code)

<http://www2.imo.org/ISPSCode/Default.aspx>

## **Focus on IMO**

**Piracy and armed robbery at sea** *Focus on IMO, January 2000*

[http://www.imo.org/includes/blast\\_bindoc.asp?doc\\_id=433&format=PDF](http://www.imo.org/includes/blast_bindoc.asp?doc_id=433&format=PDF)

## **IMO News Magazine**

*Notices:*

1. For a list of articles in the IMO News Magazines on this subject, please refer to the IMO website [http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic\\_id=11](http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=11)
2. The IRDs changed the contents in 2008 therefore if you wish to receive an archive copy where you can find a full list of articles in the IMO News Magazine on the subject with links to the IMO Website, please contact [MaritimeKnowledgeCentre@imo.org](mailto:MaritimeKnowledgeCentre@imo.org) (Please note the IRDs were last updated in November/December 2007)

## **Briefings**

### **Notices:**

1. For a list of Press Briefings on this subject, please refer to the IMO website [http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic\\_id=5](http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=5)
2. The IRDs changed the contents in 2008 therefore if you wish to receive an archive copy where you can find a full list of Press Briefings on the subject with links to the IMO Website ,please contact [MaritimeKnowledgeCentre@imo.org](mailto:MaritimeKnowledgeCentre@imo.org) (Please note the IRDs were last updated in November/December 2007)

## **IMO DOCUMENTS**

### **Notices:**

1. Please note that only Resolutions, Circulars, Circular Letters, Conferences and Final Reports of the meeting sessions are listed below. For a list of IMO Documents on this subject, please contact [MaritimeKnowledgeCentre@imo.org](mailto:MaritimeKnowledgeCentre@imo.org)
2. The IRDs changed the contents in 2008 therefore if you wish to receive an archive copy where you can find a full list of IMO Documents on the subject, please contact [MaritimeKnowledgeCentre@imo.org](mailto:MaritimeKnowledgeCentre@imo.org) (Please note the IRDs were last updated in November/December 2007)

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- |              |   |
|--------------|---|
| A.461(XI)    | Barratry and unlawful seizure of ships and their cargoes (1979) ( <i>superseded</i> )   |
| A.504(XII)   | Barratry and unlawful seizure of ships and their cargoes and other forms of maritime fraud (1981) ( <i>superseded</i> )   |
| A.545 (XIII) | Measures to prevent and suppress piracy and armed robbery against ships (1983)  |
| A. 683 (17)  | Prevention and suppression of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships (1991)   |
| A.738 (18)   | Measures to prevent and suppress piracy and armed robbery against ships (1993)  |
| A 922(22)    | Code of practice for the investigation of the crimes of piracy and armed robbery against ships (2001)   |
| A.1002(25)   | Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia. Adopted on 29 November 2007 ( <i>Advanced Copy Version</i> <a href="http://www.imo.org/Facilitation/mainframe.asp?topic_id=1684">http://www.imo.org/Facilitation/mainframe.asp?topic_id=1684</a> ) |
| A.1026(26)   | Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia. Adopted on 2 December 2009<br><a href="http://www.imo.org/Facilitation/mainframe.asp?topic_id=1684">http://www.imo.org/Facilitation/mainframe.asp?topic_id=1684</a>                                |

## **CIRCULARS**

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|----------------------------|---|
| MSC/Circ.443<br>26/09/1986 | Measures to prevent unlawful acts against passengers and crews on board ships   |
| MSC/Circ.475<br>22/06/1987 | Measures to prevent unlawful acts against passengers and crews on board ships (Measures contained in a communication by the Commandant of Hellenic Coast Guard, implemented in Greece in conformity with the specifications in MSC/Circ. 443) |

MSC/Circ.476 22/06/1987	Measures to prevent unlawful acts against passenger and crews on board ships (Notice containing measures to prevent unlawful acts against passengers and crews onboard ships, implemented in the United States in response to MSC/Circ.443)
MSC/Circ.597 & Add.1 18/08/1992	Piracy and armed robbery against ships (recommending the use of search and rescue (SA) services and mobilization, through the SAR services, of appropriate maritime authorities so that action could be taken to provide assistance to ships under attack or pursue the attackers with the minimum of delay)
MSC/Circ.622/Rev.1 16/06/1999	Recommendations to governments for combating piracy and armed robbery against ships. <a href="http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=940/622REV1.PDF">http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=940/622REV1.PDF</a>
MSC/Circ.623/Rev.3 29/05/2002	Guidance to shipowners and ship operators, shipmasters and crews on preventing and suppressing acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships <a href="http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=941/623rev3.pdf">http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=941/623rev3.pdf</a>
MSC/Circ.700 20/07/1995	Piracy and armed robbery against ships (reporting increase in piracy and reiterating various Assembly resolutions)
MSC/Circ.805 06/06/1997	Guidance for the use of radio signals by ships under attack or threat of attack from pirates or armed robbers
MSC/Circ.967 06/06/2000	Piracy and armed robbery against ships : Directives for Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centres (MRCCs) <a href="http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=870/967.pdf">http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=870/967.pdf</a>
MSC/Circ.984 20/12/2000	Draft code of practice for the investigation of the crimes of piracy and armed robbery against ships <a href="http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=877/984.pdf">http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=877/984.pdf</a>
MSC/Circ.1073 10/06/2003	Measures to enhance maritime security : Directives for Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centres (MRCCs) on acts of violence against ships <a href="http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=2974/1073.pdf">http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=2974/1073.pdf</a>
MSC.1/Circ.1233 15/06/2007	Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia <a href="http://www.imo.org/dynamic/mainframe.asp?topic_id=1613">http://www.imo.org/dynamic/mainframe.asp?topic_id=1613</a>
MSC.1/Circ.1302 16/04/2009	Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the Coast of Somalia <a href="http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=11370/1302.pdf">http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=11370/1302.pdf</a>
MSC.1/Circ.1332 16/06/2009	Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the Coast of Somalia <a href="http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=11563/1332.pdf">http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=11563/1332.pdf</a>
MSC.1/Circ.1333 26/06/2009	Piracy and armed robbery against ships. Recommendations to governments for preventing and suppressing piracy and armed robbery against ships <a href="http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=11564/1333.pdf">http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=11564/1333.pdf</a>
MSC.1/Circ.1334 23/06/2009	Piracy and armed robbery against ships Guidance to shipowners and ship operators, shipmasters crews on preventing and suppressing acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships <a href="http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=11565/1334.pdf">http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=11565/1334.pdf</a>
MSC.1/Circ.1335 29/09/2009	Best management practice to deter piracy in the Gulf of Aden and off the Coast of Somalia <a href="http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=11911/1335.pdf">http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=11911/1335.pdf</a>
SN.1/Circ.281 03/08/2009	Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia. Information on internationally recommended transit corridor (IRTC) for ships transiting the Gulf of Aden <a href="http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=11694/281.pdf">http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=11694/281.pdf</a>

## Circular Letters

Circular Letter No. 2946 12/02/09	Information in relation to meetings of the working groups established by Contact Group for Piracy off the Coast of Somalia
Circular Letter No. 2974 18/06/2009	Information in relation to meetings of the Working Group 1 of the Contact Group for Piracy off the Coast of Somalia
Circular Letter No. 3029	Contact Group for Piracy off the Coast of Somalia – Working Group 3 Meeting at the IMO Headquarter on 18 and 19 March 2010

## Reports on acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships

The documents listed below **in red** are available in the IMO site  
[http://www.imo.org/Circulars/mainframe.asp?topic\\_id=334](http://www.imo.org/Circulars/mainframe.asp?topic_id=334)

*Monthly, quarterly (in bold) and annual are available in English, French and Spanish. For MSC circulars prior to 1995 refer to the list of MSC Circulars in numerical order available online*  
[http://www.imo.org/Circulars/mainframe.asp?topic\\_id=766](http://www.imo.org/Circulars/mainframe.asp?topic_id=766)

### 1995

**MSC/Circ.679 (31/03/1995)**, **MSC/Circ.698 (30/06/1995)**, MSC/Circ.700 (20/07/1995), MSC/Circ.701 (31/07/1995), MSC/Circ.703 (31/08/1995), MSC/Circ.708 (30/09/1995), **MSC/Circ.709 (30/09/1995)**, MSC/Circ.711 (31/10/1995), MSC/Circ.712 (30/11/1995), MSC/Circ.713 (31/12/1995), **MSC/Circ.714 (31/12/1995)**

### 1996

MSC/Circ.716 (31/01/1996), MSC/Circ.717 (01/03/1996), MSC/Circ.719 (31/03/1996), **MSC/Circ.720 (01/04/1996)**, MSC/Circ.722 (30/04/1996), MSC/Circ.724 (31/05/1996), MSC/Circ.757 (30/06/1996), **MSC/Circ.758 (01/07/1996)**, MSC/Circ.764 (31/07/1996), MSC/Circ.766 (31/08/1996), MSC/Circ.767 (30/09/1996), **MSC/Circ.768 (01/10/1996)**, MSC/Circ.769 (31/10/1996), MSC/Circ.770 (30/11/1996), MSC/Circ.779 (31/12/1996)  
Annual Report : MSC/Circ.785 (17/03/1997)

### 1997

**MSC/Circ.780 (02/01/1997)**, MSC/Circ.782 (31/01/1997), MSC/Circ.784 (28/02/1997), MSC/Circ.786 (31/03/1997), **MSC/Circ.789 (31/03/1997)**, MSC/Circ.791 (30/04/1997), MSC/Circ.793 (31/05/1997), **MSC/Circ.818 (30/06/1997)**, MSC/Circ.820 (31/07/1997), MSC/Circ.821 (31/08/1997), MSC/Circ.823 (30/09/1997), **MSC/Circ.825 (30/09/1997)**, MSC/Circ.826 (31/10/1997), MSC/Circ.830 (30/11/1997), MSC/Circ.831 (31/12/1997)  
Annual Report: MSC/Circ.840 (13/03/1998)

### 1998

**MSC/Circ.832 (05/01/1998)**, MSC/Circ.835 (31/01/1998), MSC/Circ.839 (28/02/1998), MSC/Circ.841 (31/03/1998), **MSC/Circ.843 (31/03/1998)**, MSC/Circ.844 (30/04/1998), MSC/Circ.869 (31/05/1998), MSC/Circ.870 (30/06/1998), **MSC/Circ.871 (30/06/1998)**, MSC/Circ.873 (31/07/1998), MSC/Circ.874 (31/08/1998), MSC/Circ.875 (30/09/1998), **MSC/Circ.876 (30/09/1998)**, MSC/Circ.877 (31/10/1998), MSC/Circ.880 (30/11/1998), MSC/Circ.897 (31/12/1998), **MSC/Circ.898 (31/12/1998)**  
Annual Report: **MSC/Circ.903** (28/02/1999)

### 1999

MSC/Circ.899 (31/01/1999); MSC/Circ.904 (31/03/1999); **MSC/Circ.905 (31/03/1999)**; MSC/Circ.906 (30/04/1999); MSC/Circ.923 (31/05/1999); **MSC/Circ.924 (05/07/1999)**; MSC/Circ.925 (30/06/1999); MSC/Circ.928 (31/07/1999); MSC/Circ.933 (31/08/1999); MSC/Circ.934 (30/09/1999); **MSC/Circ.935 (30/09/1999)**; MSC/Circ.936 (31/10/1999); MSC/Circ.937 (30/11/1999); MSC/Circ.938 (25/12/1999); **MSC/Circ.939 (01/01/2000)**  
Annual Report: MSC/Circ.942 (17/03/2000)

## 2000

MSC/Circ.940 (31/01/2000); MSC/Circ.941 (29/02/2000); MSC/Circ.943 (31/03/2000); **MSC/Circ.944 (01/04/2000)**; **MSC/Circ.945** (30/04/2000); **MSC/Circ.968** (31/05/2000); **MSC/Circ.969** (30/06/2000); **MSC/Circ.970 (01/07/2000)**; **MSC/Circ.972** (31/07/2000); **MSC/Circ.973** (31/08/3000); **MSC/Circ.974** (30/09/2000); **MSC/Circ.975 (01/10/2000)**; **MSC/Circ.976** (31/10/000); **MSC/Circ.977** (30/11/2000) ; **MSC/Circ.985** (31/12/2000); **MSC/Circ.986 (01/01/2001)**

Annual Report: **MSC/Circ.991** (31/03/2001)

## 2001

**MSC/Circ.989** (31/01/2001); **MSC/Circ.990** (28/02/2001); **MSC/Circ. 992** (31/02/2001); **MSC/Circ.993 (31/03/2001)**; **MSC.4/Circ.1** (30/04/2001); **MSC.4/Circ.2** (31/05/2001); **MSC.4/Circ.3** (30/06/2001); **MSC.4/Circ.4 (30/06/2001)**; **MSC.4/Circ.5** (31/07/2001); **MSC.4/Circ.6** (31/08/2001); **MSC.4/Circ.7** (30/09/2001); **MSC.4/Circ.8 (30/09/2001)**; **MSC.4/Circ.9** (31/10/2001); **MSC/Circ.10** (30/11/2001); **MSC.Circ.11** (31/12/2001); **MSC/Circ.12 (31/12/2001)**

Annual Report : **MSC.4/Circ.16** (31/03/2002)

## 2002

**MSC.4/Circ.13** (31/01/2002); **MSC.4/Circ.14** (28/02/2002); **MSC.4/Circ.15** (02/02/2002); **MSC.4/Circ.17** (09/05/2002); **MSC.4/Circ.18** (10/06/2002); **MSC.4/Circ.19 (31/03/2002)**; **MSC.4/Circ.20** (08/07/2002); **MSC.4/Circ.21** (08/08/2002); **MSC.4/Circ.22 (14/07/2002)**; **MSC.4/Circ.23** (16/09/2002); **MSC.24/Circ.24** (08/10/2002); **MSC.4/Circ.25** (08/11/02); **MSC.4/Circ.26 (30/10/02)**; **MSC.4/Circ.27** (19/12/02); **MSC.4/Circ.28** (20/01/2003)

Annual Report : **MSC.4/Circ. 32** (17/04/2003)

## 2003

**MSC.4/Circ.29 (27/01/2003)**; **MSC.4/Circ.30** (07/02/2003); **MSC.4/Circ.31** (14/03/2003); **MSC.4/Circ.33** (15/04/2003); **MSC 4/Circ.34 (23/05/2003)**; **MSC.4/Circ.35** (07/05/2003); **MSC.4/Circ.36** (03/06/2003); **MSC.4/Circ.37** (08/07/2003); **MSC.4/Circ.38** (04/08/2003); **MSC.4/Circ.39 (28/07/2003)**; **MSC.4/Circ.40** (04/09/2003); **MSC.4/Circ.41** (01/10/2003); **MSC.4(Circ.42) (03/11/2003)**; **MSC.4/Circ.43** (31/10/2003); **MSC.4/Circ.44** (01/12/2003)

Annual Report: **MSC.4/Circ.50** (27/04/2004)

## 2004

**MSC.4/Circ.45** (06/01/2004); **MSC.4/Circ.46** (27/01/2004); **MSC.4/Circ.47** (06/02/2004); **MSC 4/Circ.48** (4/03/2004); **MSC 4/Circ.49** (7/04/2004); **MSC.4/Circ.51** (10/05/2004); **MSC.4/Circ.52 (03/06/2004)**; **MSC.4/Circ.53** (01/06/2004); **MSC.4/Circ.54** (13/07/2004); **MSC.4/Circ.55 (02/08/2004)**; **MSC.4/Circ.56** (09/08/2004); **MSC.4/Circ.57** (15/09/2004); **MSC.4/Circ.58** (05/10/2004); **MSC.4/Circ.59 (05/11/2004)**; **MSC.4/Circ.60** (19/11/2004); **MSC.4/Circ.61** (16/12/2004)

Annual report: **MSC.4/Circ.64** (5/05/2005)

## 2005

**MSC.4/Circ.62** (20/01/2005); **MSC.4/Circ.63 (22/04/2005)**; **MSC.4/Circ.65** (14/03/2005); **MSC.4/Circ.66** (15/04/2005); **MSC.4/Circ.67** (18/04/2005); **MSC.4/Circ.68** (09/05/2005); **MSC.4/Circ.69 (27/05/2005)**; **MSC.4/Circ.70** (21/06/2005); **MSC.4/Circ.71** (06/07/2005); **MSC.4/Circ.72 (03/08/2005)**; **MSC.4/Circ.73** (08/08/2005); **MSC.4/Circ.74** (07/09/2005); **MSC.4/Circ.75** (10/10/2005); **MSC.4/Circ.76** (26/10/2005); **MSC.4/Circ.77** (16/11/2005); **MSC.4/Circ.78** (21/12/2005); **MSC.4/Circ.79** (12/01/2006); **MSC.4/Circ.80** (27/01/2006)

Annual report: **MSC.4/Circ.81** (22/03/2006)

## 2006

**MSC.4/Circ.82** (03/03/2006); **MSC.4/Circ.83** (06/04/2006); **MSC.4/Circ.84** (18/04/2006); **MSC.4/Circ.85** (05/05/2006); **MSC.4/Circ.86** (31/05/2006); **MSC.4/Circ.87** (20/06/2006); **MSC.4/Circ.88** (27/07/2006); **MSC.4/Circ.89 (18/08/2006)**; **MSC.4/Circ.90** (31/08/2006); **MSC.4/Circ.91** (11/09/2006); **MSC.4/Circ.92** (12/10/2006); **MSC.4/Circ.93** (10/11/2006); **MSC.4/Circ.94** (27/11/2006); **MSC.4/Circ.95** (19/12/2006); **MSC.4/Circ.96** (19/01/2007); **MSC.4/Circ.97 (15/02/2007)**; **MSC.4/Circ.97/Corr.1 (16/03/2007)**

Annual report: **MSC.4/Circ.98** (13/04/2007)

## 2007

MSC.4/Circ.99 (16/05/2007); MSC.4/Circ.100 (11/05/2007); MSC.4/Circ.101 (24/05/2007); MSC.4/Circ.102 (19/06/2007); MSC.4/Circ.103 (09/07/2007); MSC.4/Circ.104 (16/07/2007); MSC.4/Circ.105 (20/08/2007); MSC.4/Circ.106 (18/09/2007), MSC.4/Circ.107 (07/09/2007), MSC.4/Circ.108 (18/09/2007); MSC.4/Circ.109 (16/10/2007); MSC.4/Circ.110 (07/12/2007)  
Annual report: MSC.4/Circ.115 (10 April 2008)

## 2008

MSC.4/Circ.111 (04/01/2008); MSC.4/Circ.112 (11/01/2008); MSC.4/Circ.113 (18/01/2008); MSC.4/Circ.114 (28/01/2008); MSC.4/Circ.116 (2/04/2008); MSC.4/Circ.117 (28/05/2008); MSC.4/Circ.118 (12/06/2008); MSC.4/Circ.119 (12/06/2008); MSC.4/Circ.120 (16/06/2008); MSC.4/Circ.121 (16/07/2008); MSC.4/Circ.122 (18/07/2008); MSC.4/Circ.124 (27/8/2008); MSC.4/Circ.125 (03/10/2008); MSC.4/Circ.126 (27/10/2008); MSC.4/Circ.127 (19/11/2008);  
Annual Report: MSC.4/Circ.133 (19/03/2009)

## 2009

MSC.4/Circ.128 (20/03/2009); MSC.4/Circ.129 (20/03/2009); MSC.4/Circ.130 (16/03/2009) ; MSC.4/Circ.131 (11/02/2009); MSC.4/Circ.132 (9/04/2009); MSC.4/Circ.134 (22/04/2009); MSC.4/Circ.135 (06/04/2009); MSC.4/Circ.136 (5/05/2009); MSC.4/Circ.137 (17/06/2009); MSC.4/Circ.138 (07/07/2009); MSC.4/Circ.139 (22/09/2009); MSC.4/Circ.140 (22/09/2009); MSC.4/Circ.141 (03/08/2009); MSC.4/Circ.142 (02/09/2009); MSC.4/Circ.143 (30/10/2009); MSC.4/Circ.145 (10/11/2009); MSC.4/Circ.146 (14/12/2009); MSC.4/Circ.147 (05/01/2010)

## 2010

MSC.4/Circ.148 (09/02/2010)

## ASSEMBLY

### 24<sup>th</sup> Session (21 November – 2 December 2005)

Summary Reports: [http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic\\_id=144&doc\\_id=5342](http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=144&doc_id=5342)

A 24/INF.11 List of Resolutions adopted by the Assembly at the 24<sup>th</sup> Session

### 25<sup>th</sup> Session (19 – 30 November 2007)

Summary Reports: [http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic\\_id=144&doc\\_id=8822](http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=144&doc_id=8822)

A 25/INF.8 List of Resolutions adopted by the Assembly at the 25<sup>th</sup> Session

### 26<sup>th</sup> Session (23 November 4 December 2009)

A 26/10/1/Add.1 Consideration of the reports and recommendations of the Maritime Safety Committee. Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia

A 26/INF.5 Consideration of the reports and recommendations of the Maritime Safety Committee. Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia

## COUNCIL

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Session (17-18 November 2005)

C/ES.23/D Summary of Decisions (Agenda item:17 – (a) Piracy and armed robbery against ships

in waters off the coast of Somalia

**24<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Session** (15-16 November 2007)

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C 101/D Summary of Decisions (Item 10 – Protection of vital shipping lanes)

**102<sup>nd</sup> Session** (29 June – 13 July 2009)

C 102/14 Sub-regional meeting to conclude agreements on maritime security, piracy and armed robbery against ships for States from the Western Indian Ocean, Gulf of Aden and Red Sea areas (*Adoption of the Code of Conduct concerning the repression of piracy and armed robbery against ships in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden*)

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**SUB-COMMITTEE ON RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS  
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**6<sup>th</sup> Session** (18 – 22 February 2002)

Summary Records: [http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic\\_id=271&doc\\_id=1989](http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=271&doc_id=1989)

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## FACILITATION COMMITTEE

### **30<sup>th</sup> Session** (27 – 31 January 2003)

Summary Reports: [http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic\\_id=146&doc\\_id=2671](http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=146&doc_id=2671)

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### **31<sup>st</sup> Session** (19- 23 July 2004)

Summary Reports: [http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic\\_id=146&doc\\_id=3355](http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=146&doc_id=3355)

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Summary Reports: [http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic\\_id=146&doc\\_id=4468](http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=146&doc_id=4468)

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### **33<sup>rd</sup> Session** (3 – 7 July 2006)

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## LEGAL COMMITTEE

### **87<sup>th</sup> Session** (13 – 17 October 2003)

Summary Reports: [http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic\\_id=280&doc\\_id=2966](http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=280&doc_id=2966)

LEG 87/17 Report of the Legal Committee on the work of its 87<sup>th</sup> Session (Section I – Code of practice for the investigation of crimes of piracy and armed robbery at sea; Section J – Measures to protect crews and passengers against crimes committed on vessels)

## MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE

Documents from the 1997 onwards

### **68<sup>th</sup> session** (28 May - 6 June 1997)

Summary Reports : [http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic\\_id=110&doc\\_id=345](http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=110&doc_id=345)

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Summary Reports : [http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic\\_id=110&doc\\_id=346](http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=110&doc_id=346)

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### **70<sup>th</sup> session** (7 - 11 December 1998)

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MSC 70/23 Report of the Maritime Safety Committee on its 70th Session (Section 15 - Piracy and armed robbery against ships)

**71<sup>st</sup> session** (19 - 28 May 1999)

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MSC 71/23 Report of the Maritime Safety Committee on its 71st Session (Section 15 - Piracy and armed robbery against ships)

**72<sup>nd</sup> session** (17 - 26 May 2000)

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**77<sup>th</sup> session** (28 May – 6 June 2003)

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**78<sup>th</sup> Session** (12 – 21 May 2004)

Summary Reports: [http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic\\_id=110&doc\\_id=3097](http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=110&doc_id=3097)

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**79<sup>th</sup> Session** (1 – 10 December 2004)

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MSC 79/23 Report of the Maritime Safety Committee on its 79<sup>th</sup> Session (Section 16 – Piracy and armed robbery against ships)

**80<sup>th</sup> Session** (11 – 20 May 2005)

Summary Reports: [http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic\\_id=110&doc\\_id=4834](http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=110&doc_id=4834)

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**81<sup>st</sup> Session** (10 – 19 May 2006)

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**82<sup>nd</sup> Session** (29 November – 8 December 2006)

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**83<sup>rd</sup> Session** (3 – 12 October 2007)

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MSC 83/28 Report of the Maritime Safety Committee on its 83<sup>rd</sup> Session (Section 19 - Piracy and armed robbery against ships)

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**85<sup>th</sup> Session** (26 November – 5 December 2008)

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## SUB-COMMITTEE ON SAFETY OF NAVIGATION

### 55<sup>th</sup> Session (27 – 31 July 2009)

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### 59<sup>th</sup> Session (23 – 25 June 2009)

TC 59/4/2                      Integrated technical co-operation programme for 2010-2011. Project profile for the implementation of the Djibouti Code of Conduct. (Annex: Project profile for the implementation of the Djibouti Code of Conduct – Project 1 – regional Workshop on review of national legislation on piracy)

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