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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 December 2001 and 31 January 2002, including a distinction between acts of piracy, acts of armed robbery against ships (Annex 1) and attempted attacks (Annex 2).

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 2,551, an increase of 40 since 31 December 2001.

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 year being MSC/Circ.989, MSC/Circ.990, MSC/Circ.992, MSC.4/Circ.1, MSC.4/Circ.2, MSC.4/Circ.3, MSC.4/Circ.5, MSC.4/Circ.6, MSC.4/Circ.7, MSC.4/Circ.9, MSC.4/Circ.10 and MSC.4/Circ.11.

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 draft Code of Practice for the Investigation of the Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships (MSC/Circ.984) (article 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."

ANNEX 1

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

N°	Ship's name Type of ship Flag Gross tonnage IMO No.	Date Time	Position of the incident*	Details of the incident	Consequences for crew, ship, cargo	Action taken by the master and the crew	Was the incident reported to the coastal authority? Which one?	Reporting State or international organization	MSC.4/Circ. 13 ANNEX 1 Page 1
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1	P&O NEDLLOYD EVEREST Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 16915 9060297	26/06/2001 23:59	Port of Toamasina (Madagascar)	Armed robbers boarded the ship during cargo operations, while berthed	Nine container seals and locks broken, and contents partly stolen	-	Yes. Authorities, charterer and owner informed	BIMCO	-
2	BLUE PRIDE Bulk carrier Liberia 22308 8223359	19/09/2001 06:30	Tanjung Mangkok anchorage (Indonesia)	Two robbers boarded the ship from the forecandle, while at anchor and later escaped	Paint store padlock broken and 21 cans of paint stolen	Requested armed watchmen after incident	Yes. Local authorities informed	BIMCO	-
3	ARKTIS CRYSTAL General cargo ship Isle of Man 3810 9046148	07/10/2001 02:00 LT	Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire)	Four robbers in two boats came alongside the ship's stern and boarded the ship, while at anchor. One robber jumped overboard when spotted and the second robber escaped after assaulting the bosun	Bosun injured and required hospitalisation. Mooring line stolen	-	-	BIMCO	-
4	SOCOFL LAKE Timber carrier Panama 4860 20146-92-CH	08/10/2001 04:00 GMT	Quarantin anchorage, 10 NM off Georgetown (Guyana)	Three robbers armed with big knives boarded the ship, using hooks, while at anchor and later escaped when spotted	-	Raised alarm and notified vessels in vicinity	Yes. Port Control radio station informed	BIMCO	Reported incident to Marine Police at the port
5	NDS PROMINENCE Ro-ro-cargo ship Cyprus 22211 8107282	16/10/2001 03:50	Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire)	Six robbers armed with knives approached the ship from the stern as it prepared to sail. Two robbers wearing lifejackets attempted to board and when spotted by the second officer they jumped overboard and escaped	-	Alarm raised	Yes. Port Police informed	BIMCO	Port Police promised to send patrol car along pier and informed all security group by VHF
6	MARIE THERESE Multipurpose Antigua and Barbuda 3113 8820949	21/10/2001 04:30	Port of Belem (Brazil)	Three robbers armed with knives, in a small boat, came alongside from the riverside and two robbers boarded the ship, while at anchor. They later jumped overboard and escaped	Paint stolen	-	Yes. Port Authority, Agent and Police informed	BIMCO	-

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7	KAGORO Ro-ro-cargo ship Isle of Man 35748 7704590	14/11/2001 03:45 LT	Bonny town anchorage (Nigeria)	Armed robbers boarded the ship from the stern, while at anchor and later escaped	Mooring rope stolen	Informed local authorities	Yes. Bonny Town Port Control informed	BIMCO	Patrol sent to the scene but arrived 45 minutes later after the robbers had gone
8	NOA Bulk carrier Panama 26014 8317461	18/11/2001 04:40 LT	06°02'.20S 106°54'.20E Jakarta, at anchor (Indonesia)	Four robbers dressed in black and armed with long knives boarded the ship from a black boat, using a bamboo stick with hook, while at anchor and later escaped	Engine spare parts stolen	-	Yes. Harbour Master, Port Authority and Local Police informed	BIMCO	-
9	STAR POLARIS Bulk carrier Greece 26897 9125566	03/01/2002 02:35	Lagos anchorage (Nigeria)	Robbers armed with knives and bottles boarded the ship, using long bamboo pole with hook, while at anchor and later escaped. Mooring rope was recovered after 30 minutes	-	None	Yes. Lagos Port Control informed and patrol requested immediately	BIMCO	Port Control could not be contacted since
10	DELMAS SURCOUF General cargo ship Bahamas 17280 8130241	04/01/2002 04:40 LT	00°18'.00N 009°25'.00E Libreville (Gabon)	About fifteen robbers armed with guns and long knives boarded the ship at the forecastle, while at anchor and escaped when spotted	Cargo from four containers stolen	Alarm raised, crew mustered and signal rockets fired at the forecastle	Yes. Port Control and the authorities informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
11	CAPE BONAVIDA Container ship Cyprus 8939 9000704	04/01/2002 03:00 LT	06°45'.00S 039°20'.00E Dar Es Salaam (Tanzania)	Three armed robbers boarded the ship from a wooden boat, while at anchor and escaped when spotted	One mooring rope stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. Port Control and Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
12	ORIENT PEONY Chemical tanker Panama 6270 9162112	05/01/2002 03:10 LT	14°38'.00N 017°21'.00W Dakar outer roads (Senegal)	A few boats approached the ship from aft and bows and one armed robber boarded the ship, while at anchor and escaped when spotted	-	Raised alarm, mustered crew and activated fire hoses	Yes. Port Control and the authorities informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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13	JAG PRAYOG Tanker India 17199 7925754	06/01/2002 14:15 UTC	Bedford anchorage, Hoogly river (India)	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the ship from a wooden boat, while at anchor. They threatened the duty watchman and later jumped overboard and escaped in their boat	Mooring rope stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. Authorities and Coast Guard, Mumbai, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
14	AMER OIL Oil tanker Panama 3098 7633052	08/01/2002 02:30 LT	Sandakan port, Sabah (Malaysia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship during cargo operations, while at anchor and escaped in a speedboat when spotted	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. Marine Police Headquarters informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
15	SOUTH FORTUNE Bulk carrier Panama 35899 9082726	09/01/2002 05:00 LT	01°22'.00S 116°59'.00E Balikpapan anchorage (Indonesia)	Robbers armed with knives boarded the ship, while at anchor and escaped when spotted	Ship's stores and one liferaft stolen	Raised alarm and alerted crew	Yes. SAR Basarnas, Jakarta, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
16	GREAT BLESS Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 39005 9129926	10/01/2002 12:00 LT	Tg. Priok anchorage (Indonesia)	Five robbers armed with knives, hammers and other weapons boarded the ship from the stern, while at anchor. They entered the engine room and when spotted by the duty officer, jumped overboard and escaped	Engine spare parts stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. Port Control and SAR Basarnas, DJakarta, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
17	WILANA Tanker Norway 79494 9123075	12/01/2002 23:20 LT	Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire)	Five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship via anchor chain, while at anchor. They tied up and assaulted the deck watchman and then escaped	One crew injured. Two mooring lines and watchman's personal belongings stolen	-	Yes. Port Control informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	None
18	JO MAPLE Chemical tanker Norway 4988 8914764	14/01/2002 03:00 LT	Bonny river anchorage (Nigeria)	Six robbers in three canoes, armed with automatic rifles approached the ship and two of them boarded the ship, while at anchor. They held the pumpman hostage and later escaped when spotted	Pumpman held hostage at gun point. Ship's stores and one VHF radio stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes. Navy Communication Centre informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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19	PRINCESS SARAH General cargo ship Lebanon 6157 7506974	17/01/2002 09:40 UTC	08°23'.00N 050°20'.00E Off Somalia Coast (Somalia)	Twenty robbers in five boats, armed with automatic rifles, boarded the ship, while at anchor and held crew members hostage until ransom was paid	18 crew members held hostage and USD200,000 ransom demanded. Ransom paid by owners. Crew released and ship recovered	-	Yes. French Navy, Djibouti, IMO, UN and owners informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	French Navy dispatched one vessel to assist. ETA off locations around 20 January 2002
20	RIVER STREAM Chemical tanker Norway 17863 7329687	18/01/2002 03:00 LT	Berth 106, Belawan port (Indonesia)	Two robbers armed with knives boarded the ship, while at anchor. The duty watchman challenged them and was injured in the process and as he alerted other crew members, they jumped overboard and escaped in their boat	One crew injured by knife and paint stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. Agents and SAR/PUSKODAL, Djakarta informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
21	S/O NAGALAND General cargo ship India 14166 7617345	18/01/2002 15:10 UTC	Hiran point Mongla (Bangladesh)	About eight armed robbers boarded the ship from a boat, while at anchor. They broke open the ship's forward store and escaped when spotted by the crew	Ship's stores stolen	Crew chased robbers away	Yes. Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
22	THAIBINH General cargo ship Viet Nam 8414 7611573	18/01/2002 04:20 LT	Tg. Priok anchorage (Indonesia)	Two armed robbers boarded the ship, while at anchor from a wooden boat and escaped when spotted by the crew	-	Crew chased robbers away	Yes. SAR, Djakarta, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
23	NA Fishing vessel Malaysia	20/01/2002 21:00 LT	Two miles off Parit Jawa (Malaysia)	Three robbers armed with guns boarded the vessel. They tied up one fisherman and tried unsuccessfully to remove the MOB. They pushed the two fishermen overboard and escaped in their boat. One fisherman was rescued by a fishing boat	One crew missing and vessel stolen	-	Yes. Local police informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Police are investigating
24	BLESSING Bulk carrier Liberia 38606 9085869	21/01/2002 02:00 LT	Cigading port (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship, while at anchor. They entered the engine room and escaped when spotted	Engine spares stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. Local police and SAR, Djakarta, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Local police arrested one of the robbers who was identified by the crew

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25	PRINCESS SARAH General cargo ship Lebanon 6157 7506974	28/01/2002 14:04 UTC	08°12'.00N 050°17'.00E (Somalia)	After being released by a group of pirates who got ransom from the owners of the ship, another group of robbers boarded the ship, while at anchor. They escaped when they saw a French warship approaching to assist. All eighteen crew members were rescued and are on board the French warship. Owners have arranged for another ship to tow abandoned ship to a safe port	Fuel and food ration stolen	Distress signal sent	Yes. ICC-PRC, French Navy, Djibouti and Paris, RCC, Cyprus and Australia and owners in Lebanon informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	French Naval ship intervened
26	KLIPPER STREAM Refrigerated cargo carrier Netherlands 9305 9167796	28/01/2002 23:50 LT	Guayaquil pilot station (Ecuador)	One armed robber boarded the ship at forecastle, while at anchor and was seen lowering mooring line but escaped when spotted	Mooring lines stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. Port Authority and Ecuador Navy informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
27	SPRING FALCON Bulk carrier Panama 28620 9244245	31/01/2002 03:00 LT	06°15'.00N 003°16'.00N Lagos anchorage (Nigeria)	Six robbers armed with long knives in three canoes approached and boarded the ship, while at anchor. They took the duty AB hostage and later escaped	Mooring lines stolen and one crew taken hostage	-	Yes. Navy Communication Centre informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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ANNEX 2

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1	MAURICE EWING Research ship United States 1978 8203153	31/08/2001 14:10	11°08'.00N 043°53'.00E Off the north-west coast of Somalia, Gulf of Aden	Pirates in a small boat approached the ship and started firing automatic weapons and grenade launchers, while underway. They chased the ship for about twenty minutes and abandoned chase as the ship headed away from the Somali coast	-	Security measures taken	No	BIMCO	-
2	DIMAN II Container ship Cyprus 35084 8204468	04/10/2001 22:00 LT	24°57'.00N 119°57'.07E	Pirates in a fishing boat attempted to board the ship, while underway and abandoned attempt when spotted	-	Raised alarm and increased speed	Yes. Piracy Centre, Kuala Lumpur informed	BIMCO	-
3	DIMAN II Container ship Cyprus 35084 8204468	05/10/2001 02:00 LT	24°31'.05N 119°08'.01E	Crew noticed a very fast craft with no lights at the ship's stern, with pirates attempting to board, while underway. They abandoned attempt when spotted	-	Raised alarm and increased speed	Yes. Piracy Centre, Kuala Lumpur, informed	BIMCO	-
4	PARINDA NAREE Bulk carrier Thailand 14430 9113862	15/10/2001	Alongside berth at Hochiminh City (Viet Nam)	Crew noticed some items missing on departure	Twenty deck light glass globe guards and crane light fittings stolen	Managing company notified	No	BIMCO	-
5	COURAGEVENTURE Chemical tanker Liberia 18812 7913804	24/12/2001 01:00 LT	Panjang anchorage, Sumatera (Indonesia)	Six robbers in a motor boat, using oars, were spotted very close to STB bow by the anti piracy watch, attempting to board the ship, while at anchor and escaped when spotted	-	Alarm raised	No	Liberia	-

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6	GAS AL AHMADI Gas carrier-LPG Kuwait 42904 7401174	09/01/2002 08:30 UTC	14°32'.42N 051°04'.83E Gulf of Aden	Six speed boats chased the ship and attempted boarding, while underway, one hour after receiving a warning from another ship that four speedboats three pirates in each boat in yellow/brown uniforms, armed with firearms had been chasing her for over one hour. The Master continuously altered course and increased speed which prevented boarding	-	Raised alarm and took evasive measures	Yes. French Maritime Defence Forces, Djibouti, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur/ICS	-
7	CEC PIONEER General cargo ship United Kingdom (Isle of Man) 2815 9015682	09/01/2002 06:00 LT	14°41'.90N 051°14'.20E Off coast of Southern Yemen	Four fast boats, with three uniformed persons in each, attempted to board the ship, while underway. They chased the ship for 45 minutes and abandoned chase	-	Raised alarm, monitored boat movement, activated fire hoses and took evasive action	Yes. Aden Port Authority and French Maritime Defence Forces, Djibouti, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
8	ANYAMANII General cargo ship Thailand 4581 8910380	10/01/2002 02:00 LT	06°24'.12N 123°12'.21E Mindanao Sea (Philippines)	Ten armed robbers fired at the ship from a boat and attempted to board, while underway. They abandoned attempt when spotted	-	Raised alarm and took evasive action	Yes. Coast Guard, Philippines, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
9	CEMTEX ORIENT Bulk carrier Singapore 38203 8910380	12/01/2002 02:00 LT	13°05'.70N 080°21'.50E Chennai anchorage (India)	Four armed robbers in a wooden boat, attempted to board the ship with a hooked rope at forecastle, while at anchor. They abandoned attempt when spotted by the crew	-	Raised alarm and activated fire hoses. Master called in vain Police Launch on the advice of Port Control	Yes. Port Control informed and asked the Master to call Police Launch	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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10	PRINCESS SARAH General cargo ship Lebanon 6157 7506974	14/01/2002 04:31 UTC	07°49'.00N 049°57'.00E Off the coast of Somalia	Six pirates in two white speedboats chased and fired at the ship, while underway. They ordered Master to stop. He did not comply but took evasive manoeuvres which prevented boarding. The pirates came close to the ship but were unable to board due to rough sea and abandoned chase at 08:15LT	-	Increased speed and zig-zagged course	Yes. French Defence Forces, Djibouti, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
11	BHARATIDASAN Oil Tanker India 15044 8810920	14/01/2002 01:20 LT	Chennai anchorage (India)	Four armed robbers in a wooden boat, with a hooked rope, attempted to board the ship first at forecastle and later at poop deck, while at anchor. They abandoned attempt when spotted	-	Alarm raised	Yes. Port Control and Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
12	GRETE MAERSK Container ship Denmark 50698 9155133	24/01/2002 06:15 UTC	14°55'.00N 051°02'.00E Gulf of Aden	Pirates in several fast wooden boats, about 4-5 metres long, with 3-4 men in each boat, followed the ship. Ship increased speed to 25 knots and altered course and they abandoned chase after about 10 minutes	-	Altered course and increased speed	Yes. French Navy, Djibouti, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
13	MAERSK TEAL General cargo ship Singapore 44219 9166704	31/01/2002 07:45 LT	15°41'.00N 098°30'.00W Off Mexican Coast	About ten pirates in a fast speedboat doing about 43 knots and claiming to be Mexican Navy officials chased the ship from the stern, while underway but abandoned chase when the ship increased speed and altered course	-	-	Yes. Mexican Embassy, Kuala Lumpur and SAR/Coast Guard, Mexico, informed	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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