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## REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

### Issued monthly - Acts reported during September 2005

1 In pursuance of the Maritime Safety Committee's instruction to the Secretariat to issue monthly reports of all incidents of piracy<sup>1</sup> and armed robbery against ships<sup>2</sup> 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 2005 and 30 September 2005, 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 3,922, an increase of 29 since 31 August 2005.

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<sup>1</sup> "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)."

<sup>2</sup> "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 2005 being MSC.4/Circ.58, MSC.4/Circ.59, MSC.4/Circ.60, MSC.4/Circ.61, MSC.4/Circ.62, MSC.4/Circ.63, MSC.4/Circ.64, MSC.4/Circ.65, MSC.4/Circ.66, MSC.4/Circ.67, MSC.4/Circ.68, MSC.4/Circ.69, MSC.4/Circ.70, MSC.4/Circ.71, MSC.4/Circ.72, MSC.4/Circ.73 and MSC.4/Circ.74.

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## ANNEX 1

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

N <sup>o</sup>	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. 75 ANNEX 1 Page 1
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#### IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	LONDON TOWER Cellular Container ship Liberia 17651 9056519	02/09/2005 02:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA 06°05'.00N 003°24'.00E 19NM Off Lagos	Four pirates armed with long knives in a wooden boat boarded the ship at forecandle, drifting 19NM off Lagos. When spotted, duty A/B and A/B reported to 2/O and went to confront them. On seeing them, two of the pirates jumped overboard; the other two tried to fight with A/B but soon escaped when 2/O sounded alarm. A/B sustained slight injuries on his right palm and forehead. He was examined and administered first aid by 2/O. Crew carried out a thorough search and nothing was stolen	Crew injured	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. Nigerian Police and Lagos Port Control	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur, BIMCO and Liberia	No response from Port Control
2	MARCO POLO 43 Tug Indonesia 148	10/09/2005	SOUTH CHINA SEA Enroute from Surabaya to Jakarta	Tug and barge (MARCO POLO 48 - Barge, INDONESIA, GT 1,704) were hijacked, while underway. The last contact the owners had with the tug was on the 10/09/2005. The fate of eleven crew members is still unknown and the tug and barge are still missing	Fate of eleven crew members still unknown; tug and barge hijacked	Alarm raised	Yes. SAR, Jakarta, Navy Headquarters, Indonesia, MPA, Singapore, MRCCs, Port Klang, Thailand and Viet Nam, MECC, Lumut and Coast Guard Headquarters, Philippines	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

#### IN PORT AREA

1	NAME WITHHELD General cargo ship Iran (Islamic Republic of) 9888	18/01/2005	SOUTH CHINA SEA Belawan Port (Indonesia)	Two robbers boarded the ship by climbing forward mooring ropes, while at anchor. When spotted and alert crew raised alarm, they escaped empty-handed	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. SAR, Jakarta	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
2	NAME WITHHELD Bulk carrier Cyprus 40609	29/07/2005	SOUTH CHINA SEA Jakarta Anchorage (Indonesia)	Four robbers boarded the ship, while at anchor. When spotted and alert crew raised alarm, they escaped empty-handed	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. SAR, Jakarta	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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#### IN PORT AREA

3	NAME WITHHELD Bulk carrier Cyprus 40609	30/07/2005	SOUTH CHINA SEA Xingang Port (China)	Robbers boarded the ship during cargo operations, while at anchor and escaped with their loot	Ship's equipment stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. MRCC, China	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
4	TOWER BRIDGE Crude Oil tanker Liberia 27725 9292034	25/08/2005 01:00 UTC	WEST AFRICA 06°18'.60N 003°23'.30E Lagos Anchorage (Nigeria)	A boat with two robbers was observed by deck watch AB on starboard side in the vicinity of the ship's aft at an approx. distance of 30m. Duty Officer was informed and at the same time, two robbers from a second boat that had not been spotted, quickly boarded from starboard side. One of the robbers, armed with a knife, attacked the AB and threw an empty glass bottle which, luckily, missed the AB who was protected by his helmet. The AB was forced to leave the poop deck. Duty Officer raised alarm and the robbers each dropped a synthetic rope overboard and as all crew gathered at aft deck in minutes, the robbers jumped overboard and were picked up by the first boat from about 15-20 metres from the vessel	Crew member attacked and mooring rope stolen	Raised alarm, mustered crew and used searchlights	No. Attempts to contact the local authorities via VHF were unsuccessful	Liberia	No response from local authorities
5	MAERSK ARIZONA Container ship United States 40594 7361180	06/09/2005 20:56 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Cochin Port (India)	Several robbers boarded the ship, while at berth and escaped with their loot. Local authorities were informed	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. Local authorities, United States Coast Guard, MRCC, Mumbai and Coast Guard, India	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
6	SATURN Chemical tanker Panama 3793 8318752	08/09/2005 22:35 UTC	SOUTH AMERICA (C) 17°52'.80N 077°06'.20W Port Old Harbour (Jamaica)	Four robbers armed with knives and hooks boarded the ship moored to buoy. When spotted and alert crew raised alarm, they escaped empty-handed in an unlit speedboat. Harbour authorities were informed	-	Alarm raised	Yes. Harbour authorities and Defence Force Headquarters, Jamaica	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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7	INTREPID Bulk carrier Malta 30046 9324629	11/09/2005 04:15 LT	<i>SOUTH CHINA SEA</i> Tg. Mangkok Anchorage, Sebuku Island (Indonesia)	Four robbers armed with long knives and hooks boarded the ship, while at anchor. They held duty A/B as hostage and threatened him. When crew mustered and raised alarm, they jumped overboard and escaped with their loot in a motorboat	Duty A/B held hostage and threatened; ship stores stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. SAR, Jakarta	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
8	TAI PROGRESS Bulk carrier Panama 41378 9281827	12/09/2005 03:30 LT	<i>SOUTH CHINA SEA</i> 03°17'.00S 116°23'.00E Pulau Laut Anchorage (Indonesia)	Four robbers boarded the ship, while at anchor. They broke open bosun store and escaped with their loot	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. SAR, Jakarta	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
9	ORBIT General cargo ship Belize 13436 7603083	13/09/2005 02:00 LT	<i>EAST AFRICA</i> Mahajanga Port (Madagascar)	About eight robbers boarded the ship, while at berth. They broke open bosun's store and escaped with their loot in a boat	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. Madagascar authorities via United States Embassy	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
10	JAG PALAK Tanker India 18542 8313611	13/09/2005 21:40 UTC	<i>INDIAN OCEAN</i> Chennai Outer Anchorage (India)	Four robbers boarded the ship via poop deck, while at anchor. When spotted and crew mustered and raised alarm, they escaped empty-handed in a speedboat. The authorities were informed and the Marine Police arrived for investigation	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. Port Control, MRCC, Mumbai and Coast Guard, Chennai	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Marine Police came onboard for investigation
11	PORT ARTHUR Tanker Liberia 25800 9035632	14/09/2005 04:15 LT	<i>SOUTH CHINA SEA</i> Tanjung Priok Tanker Anchorage, Jakarta (Indonesia)	Four robbers armed with a pistol boarded the ship, while at anchor. They broke into engine room and threatened crew members. When spotted, they escaped with their loot. Port control was informed	Crew threatened and engine spares stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. Port Control and SAR, Jakarta	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
12	ANGELICA SCHULTE Tanker Liberia 56163 9296822	17/09/2005 22:10 LT	<i>INDIAN OCEAN</i> Cochin Oil Terminal (India)	Eight robbers boarded the ship while at berth and during cargo operations. When spotted and crew mustered, they escaped with their loot	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. MRCC, Mumbai and Coast Guard Headquarters, India	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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13	SIAM BHAVAS Chemical tanker Thailand 3995 8300494	20/09/2005 02:30 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong Outer Anchorage (Bangladesh)	Six robbers boarded the ship, while at anchor. They broke open forward store and when alert crew raised alarm and mustered, they escaped empty-handed	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. Coast Guard and Focal Point, Bangladesh	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
14	ORAGREEN Tanker Bahamas 3033 5105295	27/09/2005	WEST AFRICA Escravos Anchorage (Nigeria)	Robbers armed with guns boarded the ship, while at anchor and shot two crew members who were hospitalised	Two crew members shot and injured	Alarm raised	Yes. Nigerian Police	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
15	ODIN PACIFIC Bulk carrier Malta 16761 9132674	30/09/2005 03:30 LT	WEST AFRICA Abidjan Anchorage (Côte d'Ivoire)	Robbers armed with big knives boarded the ship, while at anchor. When spotted and crew mustered, they jumped overboard and escaped with their loot in their boat. Port Authority was informed and Master was advised to drift 10-15NM away from anchorage area	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. Port Authority and Abidjan Navy	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Advised Master to drift away from anchorage area

#### IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	NAME WITHHELD Bulk carrier Iran (Islamic Republic of) 20576	10/07/2005	SOUTH CHINA SEA Ho Chi Minh (Viet Nam)	Two robbers boarded the ship moored to buoy, during cargo operations, with barges alongside. They broke open forepeak store and when duty officer raised alarm, they escaped with their loot	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. Port Control and MRCC, Viet Nam	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	No response from Port Control
2	NAME WITHHELD Bulk carrier Iran (Islamic Republic of) 20576	31/07/2005 19:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Buoy No. 39, Ho Chi Minh City (Viet Nam)	Four robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship moored to buoy. When spotted and alert duty crew raised alarm and gave chase, the robbers escaped with their loot in a small boat. Port Control was informed	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. Port Control and MRCC, Viet Nam	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
3	NAME WITHHELD Bulk carrier Iran (Islamic Republic of) 25768	04/08/2005	SOUTH CHINA SEA Buoy No. FC-02, Ho Chi Minh City (Viet Nam)	Robbers boarded the ship moored to a buoy. They broke store locks and when spotted, escaped with their loot	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. MRCC, Viet Nam	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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#### IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

4	NAME WITHHELD Bulk carrier Iran (Islamic Republic of) 25768	19/08/2005 20:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Ho Chi Minh City (Viet Nam)	Two robbers armed with knives and sword boarded the ship moored to a buoy at forecastle. One robber tried to attack duty A/B who ran away and alerted D/O. When crew raised alarm and mustered, they jumped overboard and escaped with their loot. Police came for investigation at morning hours	Crew threatened and ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. Local agent, the Police and MRCC, Viet Nam	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Police came for investigation at morning hours
5	FREEDOM LILY Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 31227 9284245	14/09/2005 14:00 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Jakarta Breakwater Entrance (Indonesia)	Seven armed robbers boarded the ship entering port. When spotted and alert crew raised alarm and sounded ship's whistle, they escaped empty-handed	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. SAR, Jakarta	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
6	OVERSEAS LIMAR Chemical tanker Marshall Islands 28357 9121003	16/09/2005 12:20 LT	WEST AFRICA 05°10'.00N 004°03'.00W Anchored Off Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire)	Three robbers armed with knives and a steel bar boarded the ship via anchor chain, while at anchor. When spotted, alert crew raised alarm, mustered and secured access doors, they escaped empty-handed in small boats at 12:45LT. Port Control was informed and they returned call saying the authorities will come onboard in 15 minutes. Master picked up anchor and proceeded further south to drift	-	Raised alarm, mustered crew and Master picked up anchor and proceeded further south to drift	Yes. Port Control and Naval Base, Abidjan	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	Port Control advised the authorities will come onboard in 15 minutes
7	SYMS HUANGHE Container ship Cyprus 7430 9329588	23/09/2005	SOUTH CHINA SEA Anchored 6 Miles SSW of Vung Tau Island (Viet Nam)	Robbers boarded the ship, while at anchor. They broke forward locker padlock and when spotted, escaped with their loot	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. MRCC, Viet Nam	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
8	TANTRAMAR Crude Oil tanker Liberia 163720 9133850	28/09/2005 05:50 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Off Balikpapan (Indonesia)	Two robbers armed with machetes boarded the ship via anchor chain and stole forward liferaft. They tried to steal ship's stores but were spotted by duty watchman. Robbers left a machete on board and escaped in boat waiting with an accomplice. Pertamina PFSO informed	Forward liferaft stolen	Alarm raised	Yes. Pertamina PFSO and SAR, Jakarta	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

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**IN TERRITORIAL WATERS**

9	PRIMA INDAH General cargo ship Indonesia 940 9040651	30/09/2005 13:00 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA 01°28'.60S 106°41'.10E Off Bangka Island (Indonesia)	Robbers armed with guns boarded the ship carrying tin ingots, while underway. They hijacked the ship and transferred Master and crew to a fishing boat	Ship hijacked	Alarm raised	Yes. SAR, Jakarta, Navy Headquarters, Indonesia, Guskamlabar, Lantamal VII, MRCCs, Port Klang, Bangkok and Viet Nam, MPA Singapore and Coast Guard, Philippines	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
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**ANNEX 2**

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

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**IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS**

1	<b>MONTROSE</b> Bulk carrier Liberia 38731 9231004	30/05/2005 17:20 UTC	<i>MALACCA STRAIT</i> 04°00'.50N 099°36'.20E Malacca Straits	A boat was spotted on radar sailing about 4 miles on reciprocal course. At about 2 miles off, it suddenly changed course, increased speed and started approaching ship. Crew were alerted and as they mustered on starboard side and the ship took evasive manoeuvres, the boat finally relented, stopped chasing and changed course. Ships in the vicinity were informed by VHF channel 16	-	Raised alarm, mustered crew and alerted ships in the vicinity	Yes	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur and Liberia	-
2	<b>PLEIONE</b> Bulk carrier Bahamas 36559 9120059	30/09/2005 23:20 UTC	<i>EAST AFRICA</i> 05°05'.00N 051°05'.00E 150 Miles Off Eastern Coast of Somalia	Pirates in a fishing boat attempted to board the ship, while underway. They came within 1.7NM and Master took evasive manoeuvres. Pirates chased the ship for about two hours and finally abandoned attempt	-	Raised alarm and took evasive manoeuvres	Yes. CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, CUSNC-Intelligent Watch, CTF 150, CTF 150-N2, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer, Alindien, CinC Fleet, Germany and Headquarters, Maritime Affairs, Yemen	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-

**IN PORT AREA**

1	<b>IRAN KOLAHDOOZ</b> General cargo ship Iran (Islamic Republic of) 13914 7428809	28/09/2005 23:10 LT	<i>INDIAN OCEAN</i> Chittagong Anchorage (Bangladesh)	The AB on watch at poop deck noticed an unlit boat approaching ship from the port quarter and immediately alerted the duty officer. Crew mustered on poop deck and at this time, ten robbers armed with long knives in a boat tried to board the ship, using bamboo with hooks. At about 23:25LT, they abandoned attempt and fled in their boat	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes. ISPS National Contact Point, Islamic Republic of Iran	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	-
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