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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 March 2006 and 30 April 2006, 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 4,084, an increase of 29 since 31 March 2006.

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 March 2006 being MSC.4/Circ.68, MSC.4/Circ.69, MSC.4/Circ.70, MSC.4/Circ.71, MSC.4/Circ.72, MSC.4/Circ.73, MSC.4/Circ.74, MSC.4/Circ.75, MSC.4/Circ.76, MSC.4/Circ.77, MSC.4/Circ.78, MSC.4/Circ.79, MSC.4/Circ.80, MSC.4/Circ.81, MSC.4/Circ.82, MSC.4/Circ.83, MSC.4/Circ.84 and MSC.4/Circ.85.

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."

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

N°	Ship Name Type of Ship Flag Gross Tonnage	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.86 ANNEX 1
	IMO Number								Coastal State Action Taken
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	NA Fishing vessel	31/01/2006 19:00 LT	South China Sea Off Pulau Kulapuan Semporna, Sabah	Three masked pirates armed with a pistol in a 14ft pump boat boarded the ship, while underway. They held three crew members hostage and stole ship's property	Three crew members held hostage and ship's property stolen	Alarm raised	Yes Marine Police Headquarters, Malaysia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	NA Fishing vessel Malaysia	23/02/2006 20:30 LT	South China Sea Off Pulau Boey Dulang, Semporna, Sabah	Two pirates armed with a gun in a 12ft blue coloured speedboat boarded the vessel, while underway. They held three crew members hostage and stole the vessel's property and crew's personal effects	Three crew members held hostage and vessel's property and crew's personal effects stolen	Alarm raised	Yes Marine Police Headquarters, Malaysia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	NA Fishing vessel Malaysia	11/03/2006 08:15 LT	South China Sea 5NM of Sinakut Coast, Lahad Datu, Sabah	Three pirates in a 15ft boat, grey coloured with green stripe, boarded the vessel, while underway. Two pirates wearing masks armed with a pistol and a gun held three crew members hostage and stole the vessel's property and crew's personal effects	Three crew members held hostage, vessel's property and crew's personal effects stolen	Alarm raised	Yes Marine Police Headquarters, Malaysia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	DONG WON No. 628 Fishing vessel Republic of Korea 361 7914145	04/04/2006 09:45 LT	East Africa 4° 54' N 49° 21' E	Eight pirates armed with weapons attacked and hijacked the vessel with 25 crew members, while underway and headed towards coastal waters. Coalition warships in the vicinity were notified. The vessel's present position is close to the coast and negotiations are continuing	Vessel hijacked	-	Yes CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, CUSNC- Intelligent Watch, CTF 150, CTF 150-N2, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer, Yemen Maritime Affairs Headquarters, MARLO Bahrain, UKMTO Dubai, Belgian Frigate- Westdiep	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	NA Fishing vessel Malaysia	05/04/2006 14:25 LT	North Long Beacon, 13.6NM of Tg. Segenting, Batu Pahat, Malacca Straits	Seven pirates armed with long knives boarded the vessel, while underway. They held two crew members hostage, stole cash and escaped in their fishing boat	Two crew members held hostage and cash stolen	Alarm raised	Yes Marine Police Headquarters, Malaysia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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6	KM KAPAL DOBO 1 Fishing vessel Indonesia	06/04/2006 12:32 LT	South China Sea 3NM of Pulau Mabul, Semporna, Sabah	Six pirates wearing camouflage fatigues armed with rifles in a five metre white coloured boat boarded the vessel, while underway. They held four crew members hostage, stole cash, vessel's property and crew's personal effects	Four crew members held hostage; cash, vessel's property and crew's personal effects stolen	Alarm raised	Yes Marine Police Headquarters, Malaysia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	NA Fishing vessel	17/04/2006 03:00 LT	Malacca Strait 10NM Off Bagan Coast, Batu Pahat, Malacca Strait	Pirates stole equipment from the vessel. A police report was lodged	Equipments stolen	-	Yes Marine Police, MECC Lumut, Foc RMN, Mindef, Risik, SAR, Jakarta, Navy Headquarters, Jakarta and Lantamal 1	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	MARTHA DINI Tug Malaysia 194 9349344	22/04/2006	South China Sea Enroute from Belawan Port to Batu Licin, Banjarasin	The tug towing an empty barge (Sentana V - GT 2202) departed Belawan on 13.04.2006. Last known position was 02°:07S-108°:47E, Gelasa Straits when the owners were last contacted. The tug/barge and 12 crew members are still missing	Tug and barge hijacked with 12 crew members	Alarm raised	Yes MRCC Bangkok, SAR Jakarta, Indonesian Navy Headquarters, MRCC Philippines, MRCC Viet Nam, Interpol Cambodia, MPA Singapore, MECC LUMUT and MRCC Port Klang, Marine Police Jakarta	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
9	IDLE VICE OF KIP Yacht United Kingdom	22/04/2006 22:00 LT	Indian Ocean Kannyakumari, Cape Comorin	More than ten pirates in a fishing vessel boarded a yacht, while underway and escaped with property and a life raft. Skipper made a police complaint. The authorities recovered the liferaft in an inflated condition. The survival pack including rocket flares were missing from the liferaft	Property and liferaft stolen	-	Yes Coast Guard, India and MRCC, Mumbai	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
10	JINGHAI 03012 Fishing vessel China	26/04/2006	South China Sea Spratly Islands	About 13 pirates armed with guns boarded the vessel, while underway. They fired upon the vessel killing four crew members and injuring three others. They stole vessel's property and escaped. The Philippines authorities are investigating the incident	Four crew members killed and three others injured; vessel's property stolen	Alarm raised	Yes MRCC China, MRCC Hong Kong and Coast Guard Philippines	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	The Philippines authorities are investigating the incident

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11	AL TAJ United Arab Emirates	27/04/2006	East Africa Off Barawe, SW of Mogadishu	Pirates hijacked the ship, while underway. They held all crew members hostage and forced her to sail to Harardhere. The pirates shot dead one crew member and two others were seriously injured. They released the ship after a ransom was paid	One crew member killed, two others seriously injured and ransom paid	Alarm raised	Yes CUSNC-Baharain Fleet Watch Officer, CUSNC- Intelligent Watch, CIFC WATCH, CTF 150 N'lands, CTF 150 N2, LTJG MARLO Sherry Jesse, NLMARFOR, NATO United Kingdom, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer, MARLO BAHRAIN, UKMTO Dubai, Yemen Maritime Affairs Headquarters, Belgian Frigate Westdiep	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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IN PORT AREA

1	ATLANTIC FRONTIER Bulk carrier Singapore 18061 9197076	04/04/2006 00:50 UTC	South America (P) Callao Anchorage	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at forecandle, while at anchor. They threatened ship's security and broke padlock to open hatch. D/O sounded alarm and robbers escaped. Master reported to port authorities and a patrol boat arrived for investigation and surveillance	Robbers threatened ship's security and broke padlock to open hatch	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Port authorities and MRCC, Peru	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Patrol boat arrived for investigation and surveillance
2	ORANGE BREEZE Vehicle carrier Panama 8362 8419348	11/04/2006 08:15 LT	South China Sea Tg. Priok Anchorage, Jakarta	Four robbers boarded the ship at stern using a rope, while at anchor. They entered the engine room and held the C/E hostage. Alarm was raised and crew mustered. Robbers stole engine spares and escaped in their speedboat	Crew member held hostage and engine spares stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Indonesian Navy Headquarters and SAR, Jakarta	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	ESCAPADA Yacht Austria 14	28/04/2006 12:00 LT	South America (C) Islas de Piritu Anchorage, Off Puerto La Cruz	Five armed robbers boarded the yacht, while at anchor and shot the only crew member onboard. Crew member was injured in the stomach but escaped in a dinghy and needed surgery	Crew member injured	Alarm raised	Yes Naval Coast Guard, Venezuela	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	BRITOIL 44 Tug Singapore 466 9225304	13/04/2006 02:45 LT	Indian Ocean Chittagong 'C' Anchorage 22° 10.86' N 91° 47.06' E	Three fishing boats approached the vessel and seven robbers armed with long knives boarded, while at anchor. D/O raised alarm and crew mustered. Robbers stole ship's stores and escaped in their boat. Port control was informed	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Coast Guard, Bangladesh and Director General (Focal Point)	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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2	SANKO RALLY General cargo ship Vanuatu 25676 9074767	16/04/2006 13:05 UTC	South China Sea Gelasa Straits 2° 53' S 107° 18.4' E	Four robbers armed with long knives in a speedboat boarded the ship from stern. They entered accommodation and held a crew member at knife point. They tied up the C/O and stole his valuables and property from other cabins. They then entered the Master's cabin and searched for valuables/cash but could not find any. Later, they escaped in their boat	Crew members assaulted and personal belongings stolen	Alarm raised	Yes SAR, Jakarta and Indonesian Navy Headquarters and Marine Police Headquarters	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	ALABANDA Bulk carrier Turkey 38433 9086930	29/04/2006 22:45 LT	South China Sea Gelesa Straits 2° 55' S 107° 18' E	Six robbers armed with long knives in a speedboat boarded the ship, while underway. They held Master, Chief Engineer and two other engineers hostage. They stole equipment and personal belongings of crew and escaped	Four crew members held hostage; equipment and crew's personal belongings stolen	Alarm raised	Yes SAR, Jakarta, Navy Headquarters and Marine Police Headquarters	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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ANNEX 2
Acts of piracy and armed robbery allegedly attempted against ships reported by
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	Type of Ship								Gross Tonnage
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	MAERSK DELFT Passenger ship United Kingdom 35923 9293088	08/02/2006 04:50 UTC	East Africa Gulf of Aden, Off Yemen 15° 21.7' N 52° 34.1' E	The ship was approached by several high-speed boats in what appeared to be a co-ordinated approach from ahead and astern. The boats astern crossed the stern numerous times and came within 400 metres. Crew saw several people in each boat carrying what appeared to be weapons however this could not be confirmed. The ship increased speed to full at 28 knots and after about 10 minutes, the boats broke away and sped off on a southerly course	-	Raised alarm, increased speed and moved off coast	Yes TRANSEC, UK Department of Transport	The Maersk Company Limited, DCSO	-
2	REGAL STAR Bulk carrier Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 12539 8201337	01/04/2006 19:00 UTC	East Africa Gulf of Aden 13° 32.7' N 49° 32.8' E	Pirates in two unlit high speed craft attempted to board the ship, while underway. Ship took evasive manoeuvres, raised alarm, crew mustered and directed searchlights and boarding was averted	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes CUSNC-Baharain Fleet Watch Officer, CUSNC- Intelligent Watch, CTF 150, CTF150-N2, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer, Yemen Maritime Affairs HQ, MARLO Bahrain, UKMTO Dubai, Belgian Frigate-Westdiep	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	NA Fishing vessel Malaysia	17/04/2006 02:00 LT	Malacca Strait 9NM Off Parit Haji Baki Coast, Malacca Strait	Six armed pirates in a speedboat fired upon the vessel. Several bullets hit the side of the vessel but the crew escaped injuries. They lodged a police report	Bullet holes on vessel	Alarm raised	Yes Marine Police, MECC Lumut, Foc RMN, Mindef, Risik, SAR, Jakarta, Navy Headquarters, Jakarta and Lantamal 1	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	HADRA Tanker Isle of Man (United Kingdom) 28277 9048081	28/04/2006 02:10 UTC	West Africa Lagos Roads 6° 1.3' N 3° 17.4' E	Three pirates in a boat attempted to board the ship, while underway and alert crew prevented boarding	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Nigerian Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN PORT AREA

1	GLORY General cargo ship Democratic People's Republic of Korea 8842 7514593	03/04/2006 07:35 LT	Indian Ocean Khawr Az Zubayr Roads (Khor Al Zubayr Anchorage) 30° 6.74' N 47° 55.9' E	Armed robbers in four boats attempted to board the ship, while at anchor. D/O raised alarm and crew mustered. Robbers fired gunshots and escaped	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Port authorities, CUSNC -Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, CUSNC- Intelligent Watch, CTF 150, CTF 150-N2, Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer, Yemen Maritime Affairs HQ, MARLO Bahrain, UKMTO Dubai, Belgian Frigate-Westdiep	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	WESTERNSTAR Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 8944 9119490	03/04/2006 22:30 LT	Indian Ocean Chittagong Anchorage	Robbers armed with long knives in two boats came alongside the ship, while at anchor. Crew raised alarm and mustered. After two hours of aborted attempts to climb by hook, wire and ropes, the robbers abandoned attempt	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Port control, Coast Guard, Bangladesh and Director General (Focal Point)	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	WESTERNSTAR Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 8944 9119490	04/04/2006 02:00 LT	Indian Ocean Chittagong Anchorage	Three boats with robbers came close to 50 metres from the ship. Crew were alerted and mustered. After attempts to board for more than an hour failed, the robbers abandoned attempt. Port control was informed	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Port control, Coast Guard, Bangladesh and Director General (Focal Point)	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	WESTERNSTAR Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 8944 9119490	19/04/2006 22:30 LT	Indian Ocean Chittagong Anchorage	Four boats with eight robbers in each boat and armed with long knives approached the ship, while at anchor. The robbers from two boats attempted to board the ship by rope and hooks. Alarm was raised and crew mustered. Two hours later, after numerous attempts, the robbers aborted boarding	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Coast Guard, Bangladesh and Director General (Focal Point)	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	BULK ASIA Bulk carrier Liberia 87590 9232058	16/04/2006 15:20 UTC	South China Sea Gelasa Straits 2° 58' S 107° 18.5' E	Five robbers in a dark grey unlit speedboat tried to board the ship. Alert crew mustered and directed searchlights at the boat and boarding was averted	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes SAR, Jakarta and Indonesian Navy Headquarters and Marine Police Headquarters	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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2	MARGARA Tanker Cayman Islands (United Kingdom) 40705 9164213	18/04/2006 22:18 LT	South America (C) Mamonal Roads	A robber attempted to board the ship using a hook attached to a rope. Alert crew raised alarm and the robber escaped in a boat. Coast Guard was informed	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes MRCC and Colombia via Embassy of Colombia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	RAIJU Bulk carrier Panama 87473 9217761	23/04/2006 20:20 UTC	South China Sea Gelasa Straits 2° 52.2' S 107° 17.5' E	Seven robbers in a speedboat approached the ship and attempted to board from stern, while underway. Alert crew mustered and activated fire hoses and boarding was averted	-	Raised alarm, mustered crew and activated fire hoses	Yes SAR, Jakarta, Indonesian Navy Headquarters and Marine Police Headquarters	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	QUEENIE Chemical tanker Singapore 5201 9279630	30/04/2006 11:50 UTC	South China Sea Gelasa Straits 3° 4.3' S 107° 17.2' E	Three robbers armed with long knives in a 5m long green/brown motorised banka threw grapnel hooks at the stern of the ship attempting to board, while underway. Alert crew mustered and the robbers aborted boarding	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes SAR, Jakarta, Navy Headquarters and Marine Police Headquarters	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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