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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 30 April 2006 and 31 May 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 4,109, an increase of 25 since 30 April 2006.

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 April 2006 being 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, MSC.4/Circ.85 and MSC.4/Circ.86.

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	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.87 ANNEX 1
	Type of Ship								Gross Tonnage
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	E.PILLARS Tug Malaysia 122	15/05/2006 08:30 LT	South China Sea Enroute from Bintulu Port to Lahad Datu, Sabah	The tug towing an empty barge (ASIAPRIDE 2378, Malaysia, GT 1352) departed Bintulu port for Lahad Datu port, Malaysia. Last contact from the tug was on 15.05.2006 at 0830LT. There has been no news about the fate of the tug, barge and crew members. It is feared that they may have been hijacked	Fate of crew unknown; tug and barge still missing	Alarm raised	Yes SAR, Jakarta, Navy Headquarters, Marine Police Headquarters, MRCC Port Klang, MECC Lumut, Mindef, Malaysian Marine Police Headquarters, MPA Singapore, Singapore Police Coast Guard, MRCC Vietnam, Cambodian National Police, MRCC Bangkok, Coast Guard, Philippines	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Authorities are searching for the tug and barge
2	SHKOTOVO Tanker Russian Federation 2956 8700199	22/05/2006 06:20 UTC	West Africa 60 NM from Conakry 09° 16.70' N 014° 42.50' W	Two speedboats approached the ship underway and six pirates armed with automatic rifles and RPG boarded. They held the cook hostage and forced him to take them to the Master's cabin. Two pirates went to the bridge and held the C/O hostage. Two more pirates were stationed on port and STBD at cargo deck and aimed their weapons at the bridge. When the cook arrived at the Master's cabin and informed that pirates were on board, Master sent a security message. Master was taken to the bridge and the pirates demanded the cargo documents, which were produced. The pirates then demanded cash and Master handed over about USD3,000 and the pirates disembarked at 0650 and fled. Description of main boat: 5-7 metres long, metallic grey/green, engine - Yamaha 40, name on hull - "Kassa P 17". Second boat: 15 -20 metres long without any identity marks. Leader of the pirates spoke Portuguese	Crew members held hostage and ransom demanded	Alarm raised	Yes SAR, Guinea via Embassy of the Republic of Guinea, Malaysia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	CADIZ CITY Fishing vessel Philippines 236	23/05/2006 01:00 LT	South China Sea Vicinity of Sacramento Rock, Visayan Sea, Iloilo Province	Twelve pirates armed with rifles and pistols attacked the fishing vessel, while underway. Five pirates boarded, hijacked the vessel and demanded payment. Crew managed to overpower the pirates and handed them over to the Philippines National Police	-	Crew overpowered and disarmed pirates	Yes Philippines National Police and Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Police are investigating

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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	VOYAGER V Bulk carrier Panama 15440 8112067	04/05/2006 01:20 LT	Malacca Strait Off Horsburgh Lighthouse, Singapore Straits 01° 23.50' N 104° 27.00' E	A speedboat with five robbers on board fired upon the ship, while underway. The D/O raised alarm, mustered crew, switched on deck lights and secured doors. Four heavily armed robbers boarded and broke open the bridge door. They tied up crew members and threatened to kill them. The robbers stole ship and crew's cash, equipment and valuables and escaped	Crew members assaulted; ship and crew's cash, equipment and valuables stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes SAR, Jakarta, Indonesian Navy Headquarters, MPA Singapore, Singapore Police, Coast Guard, MRCC Port Klang, MECC Lumut, FOC RMN, Mindef and Marine Police Headquarters	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	WESTERKADE General cargo ship Netherlands 7541 9202091	09/05/2006 08:00 UTC	South America (C) Kingston Outer Anchorage 17° 52.90' N 076° 46.60' W	Six robbers armed with knives boarded the ship at port bow, while at anchor. They threatened the deck watchman with knives. They broke open paint locker and stole large quantity of stores and escaped. Local authorities informed	Crew member threatened and ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised	Yes Local authorities and MRCC, Kingston	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Authorities boarded for investigation
3	TIRTA NIAGA I Tanker Indonesia 3684 7376628	24/05/2006 21:00 LT	South China Sea South of Bangka Island 03° 10.20' S 106° 20.20' E	Ten robbers armed with guns and long knives boarded the ship, while underway. They stole Master and crew's cash and escaped in their boat	Master and crew's cash stolen	Alarm raised	Yes SAR, Jakarta, Indonesian Navy Headquarters and Puskodal	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN PORT AREA

1	X-PRESS MANASLU Container ship Singapore 9392 8410342	05/05/2006 03:45 LT	Indian Ocean Chittagong Anchorage 'B'	Two unlit boats approached the ship, while at anchor. One boat with ten robbers armed with long knives came close and one robber boarded using grappling hook. Alert crew raised alarm and the robber escaped	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Chittagong Port Control, The Director General (Focal Point) and Coast Guard, Bangladesh	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	FALCON TRADER Bulk carrier Liberia 15884 9047001	09/05/2006 02:00 LT	Indian Ocean Chittagong Anchorage 'A'	Ten robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship via anchor chain, while at anchor. They held two shore watchmen and one crew member hostage and robbed them of their belongings. Alarm was raised and the robbers escaped in their speedboat	Three crew members held hostage and their personal belongings stolen	Alarm raised	Yes Coast Guard Bangladesh and the Director General (Focal Point)	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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3	ALISON Bulk carrier Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 16683 7612230	12/05/2006 LT	Indian Ocean Chittagong Anchorage 'B'	Three unlit boats approached the ship from stern and seven robbers armed with long knives boarded using grappling hooks, while at anchor. They stole ship's stores and escaped. Local authorities were informed	Ship's stores stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Coast Guard, Bangladesh and the Director General (Focal Point)	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	URANUS General cargo ship Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 4686 8110021	12/05/2006 19:00 LT	Indian Ocean Chittagong Anchorage 'B'	Five robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship via anchor chain, while at anchor. Alarm was raised and as crew mustered, the robbers escaped	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Coast Guard, Bangladesh and the Director General (Focal Point)	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	NA India	16/05/2006 LT	South America (A) Belem Grain Terminal	A crew member on routine anti-piracy watch was attacked by four intruders. Another crew member on gangway watch along with police authorities averted the attack. The vessel subsequently sailed from port without further incident and injury to crew	Crew member assaulted	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Local authorities	India	Police authorities assisted in averting attack
6	CAPE BONAVISTA Container ship Cyprus 8939 9000704	22/05/2006 03:00 LT	Indian Ocean Chittagong Anchorage 'B'	Two unlit boats approached the ship, while underway. One boat containing ten robbers armed with long knives came closer and two of the robbers boarded using grappling hooks. The D/O raised alarm and the robbers escaped	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Coast Guard, Bangladesh and the Director General (Focal Point)	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	BONITA Tanker Malta 57711 9297541	24/05/2006 03:50 LT	West Africa Lagos Outer Anchorage	Two robbers boarded the ship at stern using a rope, while at anchor. They assaulted the duty A/B and tied his hands. They stole ship's stores, property and A/B's personal belongings	Crew member assaulted; ship's stores, property and crew's personal belongings stolen	Alarm raised	Yes Nigerian Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
8	NEW GUARDIAN Bulk carrier Panama 17057 9105463	31/05/2006 20:40 UTC	South China Sea Tg. Priok Anchorage 05° 52.20' S 106° 04.50' E	Five robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship, while at anchor. They tied up two crew members and threatened them with knives. They stole engine spares and escaped in a speedboat	Crew members assaulted and engine spares stolen	Alarm raised	Yes SAR, Jakarta, Indonesian Navy and Marine Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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	Type of Ship								Gross Tonnage
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	MAERSK BELFAST Chemical tanker United Kingdom 19758 9299446	02/05/2006 10:30 LT	West Africa Off Conakry 09° 13.00' N 014° 06.20' W	A chemical tanker drifting 25NM off the port received a VHF call by someone claiming to be from Conakry port. The caller asked the ship to rig the pilot ladder as the pilot was on the way. Soon after, the D/O noticed a grey boat containing five pirates being launched by a mother fishing vessel nearby. The pirates in the boat, armed with automatic weapons and wore life jackets, pretended to be officials and demanded that the pilot ladder be lowered. As the ship was not expecting to berth until the following day, Master raised alarm and crew activated fire hoses. The boat followed the ship for a while and returned to mother ship. Master reported the incident to port authorities	-	Raised alarm, mustered crew and activated fire hoses	Yes Conakry Port and the Embassy of Guinea, Malaysia	UK Department for Transport and ICC-IMB PRC	-
2	PALENQUE Tanker Liberia 23127 8312356	10/05/2006 15:30 UTC	East Africa Gulf of Aden 12° 55.20' N 049° 36.60' E	Nine pirates in a 10-12 metre wooden boat, white/red hull came closer and attempted to board the ship, while underway. Master took evasive manoeuvres and crew mustered. Boat followed for 20 mins and then moved away	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, CUSNC-Intelligent Watch, CIFIC WATCH, CTF 150 Netherlands, CTF 150 N2, LTJG MARLO Sherry Jesse, NLMARFOR, NATO U.K. Fleet Constabulary Operations Officer, MARLO BAHRAIN, UKMTO Dubai, Yemen Maritime Affairs HQ BELGIAN FRIGATE-WESTDIEP	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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3	EW COOK Ro-ro-cargo ship Panama 4986 8613920	13/05/2006 21:25 LT	West Africa Nouadhibou Roads 19° 04.00' N 017° 09.00' W	Pirates in an unlit boat approached the ship drifting 60NM off coast. Master raised alarm, took evasive manoeuvres, mustered crew and activated fire hoses. The unlit boat increased speed to 17 kts and continued to chase the ship. Master increased speed to maximum and observed another boat trying to block the ship's course. The boats pursued the ship for almost three hours and then aborted the chase. Master tried to contact local MRCC but could not communicate due to language difficulties	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Ministere des Peches et de l'Economie Maritime Direction de la Marine Marchande	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	HELLESPONT TATINA Tanker Marshall Islands 56324 9187760	01/05/2006 11:40 UTC	South China Sea Natuna Islands 03° 13.00' N 108° 45.00' E	Robbers in several unlit boats followed the ship, while underway and came close to her stern. Crew mustered, switched on deck lights and activated fire hoses. The boats aborted chase and moved away	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes SAR, Jakarta, Indonesian Marine Police Headquarters and Indonesian Navy Headquarters	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	MARS Container ship Netherlands Antilles (Netherlands) 14241 9127502	13/05/2006 13:30 LT	South China Sea Tg. Priok Outer Roads 06° 01.00' S 106° 52.00' E	Five robbers in a 5-metre green-coloured boat attempted to board the ship using grappling hooks. Alert crew prevented boarding	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes SAR, Jakarta, Indonesian Navy and Marine Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	WESTERKADE Container ship Netherlands 7541 9202091	20/05/2006 02:45 LT	South America (C) Kingston Outer Anchorage 17° 52.70' N 076° 46.60' W	Five robbers in a small unlit boat approached the ship, while at anchor. Alert crew directed searchlights at the boat and boarding was averted. Attempts were made to call Kingston Coast Guard and Kingston port by VHF	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Headquarters, Jamaica Defence Force	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	No response from Kingston Coast Guard and port

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4	TORGELOW General cargo ship Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 932 7119264	22/05/2006 18:15 LT	East Africa 10.5NM S.E. of Mogadishu 01° 57.00' N 045° 31.00' E	The D/O on the ship, while underway noticed a target at a range of 1.5NM on radar. He alerted two armed security guards on board. At 1910LT, the duty A/B spotted a speedboat approaching from stern. The robbers in the boat fired upon the ship and the security guards returned fire. The boat gave up and moved away	Ship fired upon	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes CUSNC-Bahrain Fleet Watch Officer, CUSNC-Intelligent Watch, CIFIC WATCH, CTF 150 N'lands, CTF 150 N2, LTJG MARLO Sherry Jesse, NLMARFOR, NATO U.K., 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	FALCON TRADER Bulk carrier Liberia 15884 9047001	10/05/2006 LT	Indian Ocean Chittagong Anchorage 'A'	A group of robbers attempted to board the ship, while at anchor. Crew raised alarm and the robbers aborted boarding	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Coast Guard, Bangladesh and the Director General (Focal Point)	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	FRONT LEADER Bulk carrier Singapore 89004 8906860	18/05/2006 23:50 LT	Malacca Strait West OPL, Singapore Straits 01° 13.80' N 103° 34.80' E	Five dark brown coloured boats, with 2-3 robbers in each boat, approached the ship at anchor and prepared grappling hooks for boarding. Alert crew raised alarm, mustered crew and activated fire hoses. Attempted boarding was averted	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Coast Guard, MPA, Singapore, MRCC, Port Klang and SAR, Jakarta	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Coast Guard advised to keep anti-piracy watch and made investigation by VHF radio
3	PAMPERO Container ship Antigua and Barbuda 4628 9113628	20/05/2006 08:10 UTC	South America (C) Kingston Outer Anchorage	Two boats approached the ship, while at anchor. One boat contained five robbers armed with knives and the other contained one robber. They attempted to board but the D/O raised alarm, mustered crew, activated fire hoses, directed searchlights and boarding was averted. Master reported the incident but received no response from Coast Guard	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Headquarters, Jamaica Defence Force	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	No response from Coast Guard

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4	QC STAR Container ship Panama 9909 8115590	28/05/2006 22:15 LT	Indian Ocean Chittagong Anchorage 'B'	Ten robbers in an unlit boat, armed with long knives approached the ship from stern. D/O raised alarm, mustered crew, fired a rocket flare and boarding was averted	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Coast Guard, Bangladesh and the Director General (Focal Point)	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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