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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 May 2006 and 30 June 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 4,122, an increase of 13 since 31 May 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 May 2006 being 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, MSC.4/Circ.86 and MSC.4/Circ.87.

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.88 ANNEX 1
	Type of Ship								Gross Tonnage
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	WAPPEN VON MUNCHEN Chemical tanker United Kingdom 5145 9255816	05/06/2006 02:15 LT	East Africa Dar es Salaam Roads	Six robbers armed with knives and tools for cutting locks boarded the ship. They broke into forward locker and stole ship's stores. Alert crew raised alarm and the robbers escaped in a motorboat. Master reported the incident to port control	Ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised	Yes Port control and the Tanzania High Commission, London	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	ARCTIC CLIPPER General cargo ship Panama 3383 7714208	16/06/2006 05:40 UTC	South America (C) Magdalena River, Barranquilla	A robber armed with a knife boarded the ship, while at anchor. He stole a life raft and safety equipment and escaped in a boat waiting with an accomplice. Master informed port authority and after 30 minutes, a patrol boat recovered the life raft which was damaged	Life raft damaged and safety equipment stolen	Alarm raised	Yes Port Authority and the Embassy of the Republic of Colombia	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
3	CANPOTEX RESURRECTION Bulk carrier Panama 19885 9277474	28/06/2006 03:00 LT	South China Sea Bintulu Anchorage 03° 18.50' N 112° 55.30' E	Two robbers boarded the ship from an unlit boat, while at anchor. The D/O raised alarm and mustered crew. On seeing crew alertness, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped empty-handed, leaving behind two large screwdrivers	-	Alarm raised	Yes MRCC Port Klang, MECC Lumut, Marine Police Headquarters, Mindef & FOC RMN	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

IN PORT AREA

1	LEADER M Tanker Liberia 26450 8006866	23/04/2006 19:00 LT	South China Sea Belawan Port, Pier No. 105	During loading operations under heavy rain, two robbers were noticed on the forward part of the ship by the ship's patrol. The A/B alerted crew calling for back-up on his portable VHF. The robbers jumped into the sea where they were immediately collected by a speedboat but they escaped and ran away to the port	Large quantity of paint stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Local port authorities	Liberia	-
2	PRINCESS MARY General cargo ship Antigua and Barbuda 4251 9225093	05/06/2006 00:50 LT	South China Sea P.P Kali Anchorage, Merak 05° 53.28' S 106° 05.29' E	Six robbers armed with long knives in an unlit boat approached the ship from stern, while at anchor. Two robbers boarded and broke open padlock on engine room. They stole engine spares and escaped	Engine spares stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes SAR, Jakarta, Indonesian Navy & Marine Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN PORT AREA

3	SAMSUN APOLLO Bulk carrier Republic of Korea 15980 7633076	06/06/2006 23:50 LT	Indian Ocean Chittagong Anchorage 'A'	Nine robbers armed with long knives and steel bars boarded the ship at forecastle, while at anchor. They tied up two shore watchmen, threatened them with knives and attacked one crew member with steel bars. The D/O raised alarm and mustered crew and the robbers escaped. One crew member and two watchmen sustained injuries	Three crew members injured	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes Coast Guard, Bangladesh and the Director General (Focal Point)	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
4	IVS KENSO Bulk carrier Panama 19885 9303388	20/06/2006 03:10 UTC	West Africa Lagos Roads Anchorage	Three robbers armed with guns and knives boarded the ship from forecastle, while at anchor and held a duty A/B hostage at gunpoint. They lowered ship's stores into a waiting motor boat and escaped	Crew member assaulted and ship's stores stolen	Alarm raised	Yes Nigerian Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
5	EASTERN HONESTY Tanker Panama 5372 9246944	21/06/2006 03:00 LT	South China Sea Berth B1, Godau Port	Three robbers in an unlit boat boarded the tanker at stern, while at anchor. The duty A/B raised alarm and mustered crew. The robbers stole ship's stores and safety equipment and escaped	Ship's stores and safety equipment stolen	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes The Maritime Security Information Center Viet Nam	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
6	JAG RANI Bulk carrier India 24643 8307557	26/06/2006 18:30 LT	South China Sea Huangpu Port	Two robbers boarded the ship, while at anchor and entered Master's cabin. Master raised alarm and the crew apprehended the robbers and handed them to police	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes MRCC China & Huangpu Harbour Superintendency	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
7	STAR LANGANGER General cargo ship Singapore 29275 8322519	28/06/2006 01:15 LT	South China Sea Panjang Anchorage 05° 28.70' S 105° 17.60' E	Three robbers armed with long knives boarded the ship, while at anchor. They entered the engine room and stole a substantial quantity of engine spares	Engine spares stolen	Alarm raised	Yes Puskodal, Marine Police Headquarters & SAR, Jakarta	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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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.88 ANNEX 2
	Type of Ship								Gross Tonnage
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	AL SHAHABA Tanker Oman 412 8014045	04/06/2006 06:30 UTC	Arabian Sea Off NE Coast Oman 25° 40.00' N 057° 04.00' E	Three armed pirates in a high-speed fibre-glass boat with green hull followed the ship, while underway. They came within two metres and engaged the crew in a meaningless conversation. As Master took photos of the pirates, a masked pirate started shooting at the Master. The bullets missed the Master and the crew locked themselves inside the accommodation and secured all entrances. The pirates realised that they were being photographed and aborted attempted boarding	Pirates shot at Master but missed	Raised alarm and informed ships in the vicinity via VHF	Yes RCC Masqat, Oman Air Force & MRCC Tehran	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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IN PORT AREA

1	HAUSTRUM Tanker Isle of Man (United Kingdom) 28277 9047398	06/06/2006 07:15 LT	South China Sea Tanjung Priok Tanker Anchorage	One robber was in the process of boarding the ship, while at anchor. Alert crew raised alarm and boarding was averted	-	Raised alarm and mustered crew	Yes SAR, Jakarta, Indonesian Navy & Marine Police	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
2	SEA MASTER Bulk carrier Myanmar 14159 8416176	07/06/2006 19:00 UTC	Indian Ocean Chittagong Anchorage 'A'	Seven robbers armed with knives approached the ship at stern in a black wooden boat, while at anchor. They threw a hook attached to a line and tried to board. They threw stones at the crew member who raised alarm. Other crew members mustered and the robbers fled leaving behind a hook attached to line. Port control informed	Crew members assaulted	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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