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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, the annex hereto provides, in the tabulated format agreed by the Committee, the summary of reports on incidents received between 1 and 30 June 2016 including a distinction between acts of piracy and acts of armed robbery against ships (annex 1) and attempted attacks (annex 2). The Secretariat has, since July 2002, classified 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.

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 subparagraph (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.1025(26), annex, paragraph 2.2), as follows:

"Armed robbery against ships means any of the following acts:

- (a) any illegal act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of piracy, committed for private ends and directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such a ship, within a State's internal waters, archipelagic waters and territorial sea;
- (b) any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described above."

2 Further, and as instructed by the Committee (MSC 89/25, paragraphs 18.9 and 18.10), the Secretariat has opened a "piracy and armed robbery" module on the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) (<http://gisis.imo.org>) in order to improve the timeliness of reporting of incidents and to enable users to generate their own search criteria and produce customizable reports. This database is now configured for public, read-only access and is searchable. Reports can be compiled in GISIS directly by Member States and registered public users. These reports can now include follow-up information, for example dates of release of hijacked ships.

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 12 months and up to 31 March 2016 being MSC.4/Circ.226, MSC.4/Circ.227, MSC.4/Circ.228, MSC.4/Circ.229, MSC.4/Circ.230, MSC.4/Circ.231, MSC.4/Circ.232 (Annual Report), MSC.4/Circ.233, MSC.4/Circ.234, MSC.4/Circ.235, MSC.4/Circ.236 and MSC.4/Circ.237.

ANNEX I
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 IMO Number	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. 238 ANNEX I	
									Coastal State Action Taken	
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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	TB CHARLES 00 & ROBBY 152 Tug Indonesia 175	22/06/2016 11:30 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Vicinity waters bordering the Philippines and Indonesia 02° 44.40' N 119° 35.34' E	While the tug towing barge underway back to Indonesia after discharging coal in Gracia, Cagayan de Oro, groups of armed pirates in two Jung Kong-type pump boats opened fire and forcibly boarded the tug boat. The armed pirates took seven crew members on two separate occasions, with three crew members being abducted at around 1130 hours and another four crew members abducted at around 1245 hours on the same day. The abduction of the seven crew members is believed to be carried by the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG). The remaining six crew members continued their voyage to Samarinda, Indonesia.	Seven crew members abducted and taken hostage	-	Yes Indonesian Authority & Philippine Coast Guard (PCG)	ReCAAP Focal Point (Philippines)	The PCG relayed the information to the Philippine Armed Forces for monitoring of the abducted crew members. The PCG intensified the maritime patrol operations in the area in coordination with other enforcement agencies.	
2	CHAMTANG Product tanker Panama 23784 9212400	28/06/2016 19:45 UTC	SOUTH CHINA SEA Approx. 26nm WSW of Mangkai Island Indonesia 03° 00.00' N 105° 10.00' E	Ten pirates boarded the tanker and entered the bridge as the 2/Off was altering course. They held the 2/Off and the duty AB hostage at gun point and beat them. They then took the 2/Off to the Master cabin and took the Master and the other crew hostage as well. The pirates stole the GPS and Navtex equipment and removed the cabling from the remaining satellite communication equipment. Before fled they stole cash and other personal effects from the crew and released the Master.	2/Off and the duty AB were assaulted. Master, C/E, C/O, 3/E and O/S were taken hostage and released after the pirates left the ship. GPS and Navtex equipment, cash and other personal effects from the crew were stolen.	Alarm raised and crew mustered	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur		-

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IN TERRITORIAL WATERS

1	EVER PROSPER & EVER DIGNITY Tug Malaysia 126	02/06/2016 23:20 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Approx. 11nm NNE of Balingian, Off Mukah Sarawak Malaysia 03° 07.24' N 112° 35.14' E	Armed persons in two speed boats approached and boarded the tug towing a barge laden with a cargo of crude palm kernel oil (CPKO). They took hostage all crew members, tied them up, damaged all ship communication equipment and took over the vessels. As the owners were unable to contact the tug, they reported the incident to the Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA). In addition to stealing approximately 3000 litres of the CPKO it was reported that crew members valuables also had been stolen. One crew member was reported injured during the incident. Two MMEA ships from Bintulu, Sarawak proceeded to the location and escorted the vessel to a safe port for investigation.	Armed persons took hostage all crew members on board vessel, tied them up, damaged all ship communication equipment and took over the vessels. Approximately 3000 litres of the CPKO was transferred to another vessel. Crew members valuables stolen. One crew member was reported injured.	-	Yes MMEA	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC	Two MMEA ships were despatched from Bintulu, Sarawak to the location of the ships which was estimated 35 nm away from Bintulu. The MMEA ships escorted the tug and barge into Bintulu port in the early morning of 4 Jun 2016 and brought the injured crew to the hospital. MMEA conducted investigation of the incident.
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IN PORT AREA

1	NGOL CUNENE Tanker Belize 737 9033593	13/06/2016 21:45 LT	WEST AFRICA Luanda Anchorage Angola 08° 44.70' S 013° 17.90' E	A robber boarded the anchored tanker and managed to transfer ship's stores into his boat. The alarm was sounded and the crew was able to detain the robber. Port officials and the local police were informed and the robber arrested.	-	Alarm raised and crew mustered.	Yes Coastal Authority	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	Local Authority detained the robber
2	ANNA-MARIA Bulk carrier Liberia 30811 9407469	14/06/2016 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Dumai Inner Anchorage Indonesia 01° 41.45' N 101° 30.37' E	Three robbers armed with knives boarded the anchored ship. Two robbers managed to enter the engine room via the open skylight. They threatened the duty oiler with knives and ordered him not to raise the alarm. The robbers then stole engine spares and fled. After the robbers left the oiler informed the D/O who in turn raised the alarm and crew mustered. No injuries to crew members. Incident reported to local authority.	The duty oiler threatened with knives. Ship's engine spares stolen	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Local Authority	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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3	SICILIA Container ship Liberia 21018 9430935	14/06/2016 01:40 LT	INDIAN OCEAN Chittagong 'C' Anchorage Bangladesh 22° 08.00' N 091° 44.00' E	Five robbers with knives/machetes boarded the anchored ship. Security watchmen spotted the robbers on the poop deck and informed the duty officer. The alarm was raised and the whistle sounded. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness the robbers fled with three polypropylene mooring ropes. The ship reported the incident to the port authority through VHF radio which was intercepted by the Bangladesh Coast Guard (BCG)	3 polypropylene mooring ropes stolen	Alarm raised, whistle sounded and crew mustered	Yes Bangladesh Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Focal Point (Bangladesh)	An investigation by BCG is ongoing.
4	FJELL Heavy load carrier Netherlands 15751 8766296	16/06/2016 03:00 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Approx. 2.5nm West of Batu Ampar, Batam Island Indonesia 01° 10.00' N 103° 57.00' E	While at anchor, five robbers boarded the ship from a boat. One of the robbers was armed with a shotgun and another robber carried a revolver. The watch keeping A/B was taken hostage by the robbers and his walkie-talkie was taken away. The robbers were seen carrying three carton boxes and a bag before they fled. The A/B reported to the Second Officer immediately, who informed the Master and switched on the searchlight. The boat was seen leaved in a westerly direction. All crew mustered and an announcement was made on the PA system. A search was conducted, following which it was determined that ship's spares had been stolen.	Duty A/B was taken hostage and released after the robbers left the ship. Walkie-talkie was taken away from the A/B and ship's spares stolen	Switched the searched light, crew mustered, an announcement made in the PA system and a search was conducted on board.	No	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Netherlands)	-
5	UACC MARAH Product tanker Marshall Islands 29279 9489091	18/06/2016 01:10 LT	MALACCA STRAIT Approx. 2.5 nm west of Batu Ampar, Pulau Batam Indonesia 01° 41.90' N 101° 29.20' E	Three robbers boarded the anchored product tanker. Duty AB on routine rounds spotted the robbers and informed the D/O who raised the alarm and crew mustered. One of the robbers rushed towards the duty AB and threatened him with knives. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the robbers jumped overboard and fled with their accomplices in their boat. A search was conducted, following which it was determined that the padlock to the steering gear room entrance had been broken but nothing had been stolen. Attempts made to call the port control via VHF channel received no response.	The padlock to the steering gear room entrance broken. Robbers threatened Duty AB with knives.	Alarm raised and crew mustered.	Yes Indonesian Marine Police, Port State Control and IMB PRC	Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via Information Fusion Centre (IFC)	Indonesian Marine Police boarded ship to investigation

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IN PORT AREA

6	ATLANTIC TITAN Product tanker Hong Kong, China 29266 9360324	25/06/2016 06:00 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (C) Mamonal Tanker Anchorage Colombia 10° 18.70' N 075° 32.80' W	Robbers boarded the anchored tanker and fled with ship's property unnoticed. The theft was discovered later by the deck crew while performing routine work near the forepeak store. The alarm was raised and crew mustered. The investigation indicated the robbers had gained access to the tanker via the hawse pipe. Incident reported to port control and coast guard. A search was conducted, which it was determined that forward life raft, six caps, greasing equipment, BA set, lamp, suit, air motor for frame tripod, break testing jack and 3 tank cleaning hoses had been stolen.	Forepeak store door lock damaged and ship's property stolen	Alarm raised, crew mustered and a search conducted onboard.	Yes Port Control and Coast Guard	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC via ReCAAP Contact Point (Hong Kong)	-
7	STH SYDNEY Bulk carrier Marshall Islands 34321 9749245	26/06/2016 00:06 LT	SOUTH AMERICA (P) Callao Anchorage Peru 12° 01.00' S 077° 11.00' W	Robbers boarded the anchored bulk carrier and fled with ship's stores unnoticed. The theft was discovered by the duty crew during routine rounds of the forecastle. Incident was reported to the Port Authority and Police through the local agents.	Ship's stores stolen	Incident reported to the Port Authority and Police through the local agents	Yes Port Authority, Police & Port State Control	Marshall Islands ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-

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IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

1	STI BENICIA Oil tanker Marshall Islands 29767 9681132	06/06/2016 16:40 UTC	WEST AFRICA Gulf of Guinea Benin 05° 22.70' N 002° 24.30' E	A mother vessel carrying two skiffs chased the merchant tanker for approximately 20 minutes. The potential incident was thwarted through successful use of BMPs.	-	-	Yes MTISC-GoG, IMB PRC	Marshall Islands ICC- IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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IN PORT AREA

1	KAROLOS Liberia 85362 9410208	28/06/2016 00:50 LT	SOUTH CHINA SEA Baikpapan Anchorage Indonesia 01° 28.00' S 116° 48.00' E	Two unauthorized persons attempted to board the anchored tanker. Alert duty crew spotted the persons and informed the bridge officer. The alarm was raised and crew mustered. Upon hearing the alarm and seeing the crew alertness, the unauthorized persons aborted the boarding. All crew safe. Port control and Pertamina pilots informed.	-	Alarm raised and crew mustered	Yes Port Control and Pertamina Pilots	ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur	-
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