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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 piracy and armed robbery against ships 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, summaries of reports on incidents received between 31 January 1999 (MSC/Circ.899) and 28 February 1999.

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 1,395, an increase of 9 since 31 January 1999.

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 current year being MSC/Circ.835, MSC/Circ.839, MSC/Circ.841, MSC/Circ.844, MSC/Circ.869, MSC/Circ.870, MSC/Circ.873, MSC/Circ.874, MSC/Circ.875, MSC/Circ.877, MSC/Circ.880, MSC/Circ.897 and MSC/Circ.899.

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

No.	Name of ship 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 incident reported to the coastal authority? If so, to whom	Reporting State or international organization	Action taken by the Coastal State
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	ARCADIA Bulk carrier Bahamas 13663 7327550	10/12/98 23:20 UTC	Macelo Anchorage (Brazil)	One pirate boarded the ship, got spotted by the watchman and escaped. One boat with three or four pirates was noticed at the bow and some motor boats were seen 200 metres from the ship	-	General alarm sounded and one parachute rocket fired	Attempted report by VHF	Bahamas	No response to the VHF report
2	MARSHALL KONEV Bulk carrier Malta 60462 7384443	31/12/98 01:40 LT	Sepetiba, berth 1hla da Madeira (Brazil)	Pirates armed with pistols and knives boarded the ship and took the Officer of the Watch and a sailor hostage	Crew's personal effects stolen. Ship's safe and three portable radio apparatus taken away from the ship	GMDSS distress signal activated on VHF channel 70	Yes, Port Authorities, Port Guard, Federal Police and agent informed	BIMCO	Local Military Police was promptly put in action but pirates had already escaped
3	ANNA-THERESA Chemical/oil tanker Cyprus 2094 9083184	7/1/99 03:00 hrs	Casablanca (Morocco)	While at berth, five young pirates boarded the ship and threatened the Chief Officer with a knife. They cut the tarpaulin of the man over board boat and tried to steal its contents. They escaped after a brief fight. There were no watchmen at the gangway or near the ship during and after the attack	Crew feeling unsafe as a result of the attack	Watch in the wheelhouse organized	Yes, Port Authority informed	BIMCO	-
4	BRITTA General cargo ship Antigua and Barbuda 1223 6823155	15/1/99 03:40 LT	Douala (Cameroon)	Four pirates armed with knives boarded the ship	One padlock at fore stores broken and drums of paint stolen	Crew organized on board protection	Yes, Police and Port Authorities informed	BIMCO	-

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5	MILLENNIUM CONDOR Bulk carrier United Kingdom (Cayman Islands) 16798 8014708	16/1/99 02:05 hrs	Berth n° 24, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)	Five pirates armed with revolvers boarded the ship via the gangway. They overpowered the duty AB on the gangway and held him hostage trying to get access to the Master's cabin. They escaped when the Master alerted the rest of the crew	Duty AB tied up in the spare cabin toilet	Master alerted the duty officer on the walkie talkie and the rest of the crew	Yes, Harbour Master and agent informed	BIMCO	Authorities contacted suggested that the Master should stay in the hotel
6	MIHALIS P Bulk carrier Greece 32212 8005927	26/1/99 12:00 hrs	Tarahan (Indonesia)	Pirates boarded the ship unnoticed	Spare parts stolen	-	-	Greece	-
7	MIHALIS P Bulk carrier Greece 32212 8005927	27/1/99 22:30 hrs	Tarahan (Indonesia)	Three pirates armed with knives boarded the ship	-	Crew chased the pirates	-	Greece	-
8	MIHALIS P Bulk carrier Greece 32212 8005927	28/1/99 22:30 hrs	Sunda Strait (Indonesia)	Four pirates armed with knives boarded the ship and tried to take over the bridge	-	Crew chased the pirates. General alarm sounded	-	Greece	-
9	IZMAYLOVO Product tanker Liberia 28223 8913588	29/1/99 03:20 UTC	06° 15' 00 N 003° 20' 00 E At anchor in Lagos road, 8.5 nm off the coast	Pirates boarded the ship using a bamboo hook which is still available on board	Three mooring ropes and one lifebuoy stolen	Master informed other ships on the road	Yes, Lagos East Mole Signal Station informed	BIMCO	Lagos Station recommended that the ship should sail to the open sea (15 to 20 nm. off shore) to prevent further attacks and reported that it would advise the sea patrol watch

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