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## **REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS**

### **Issued monthly - Acts reported during April 1999**

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 March 1999 (MSC/Circ.904) and 30 April 1999.

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 1,455, an increase of 22 since 31 March 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.899, MSC/Circ.902 and MSC/Circ.904.

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## ANNEX

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

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| 1   | CAROLA<br>Container ship<br>Antigua and Barbuda<br>2610<br>8618073                    | 19/2/99<br>05:40 LT  | 14° 38' .00 N<br>017° 28' .00 W<br>Off Dakar, after<br>passing Cap<br>Manuel<br>(Senegal) | While underway, a<br>motorboat with several<br>pirates came from aft with<br>high speed. One pirate<br>boarded the ship by means<br>of a rope with hook and<br>jumped back in the boat<br>when the alarmed crew<br>arrived to the scene | -  | The Master alarmed<br>the crew                                  | Yes, Dakar Port<br>Control informed<br>by VHF                           | BIMCO   | Unknown                                 |
| 2   | TIAN SHAN HAI<br>Bulk carrier<br>China<br>45884<br>8406444                            | 21/2/99<br>20:50 hrs | 23° 00' .00 S<br>044° 04' .00 W<br>Sepetiba Bay<br>Anchorage<br>(Brazil)                  | While at anchor, five armed<br>pirates attacked the ship  | -  | -   | Yes, local agents<br>informed   | BIMCO   | -                                       |
| 3   | ALASKA RAINBOW<br>Bulk carrier<br>Greece<br>13898<br>8500460                          | 2/3/99<br>05:00 hrs  | Surabaya<br>anchorage, Java<br>(Indonesia)  | While at anchor, pirates<br>boarded the ship and tied up<br>and gagged the watchmen   | Moring ropes and other<br>equipment of the ship stolen | -   | Yes, flag State<br>Authority<br>informed                                | Greece  | -                                       |
| 4   | CHU XIANG<br>Container ship<br>Saint Vincent and the<br>Grenadines<br>3737<br>9149988 | 2/3/99               | 22° 18' .20 N<br>114° 46' .30 E<br>South China Sea  | While underway, a speed<br>boat approached the ship<br>astern. The pirates were<br>spotted by the crew which<br>checked the name and port<br>of registry of the ship before<br>it disappearing  | -  | The crew mustered<br>on deck and started<br>the fire pump       | Yes, Hong Kong,<br>China, Police<br>informed                            | ICC-IMB Piracy<br>Reporting Centre<br>Kuala Lumpur  | -                                       |
| 5   | BRAGE ATLANTIC<br>Chemical tanker<br>Norway (NIS)<br>10369<br>9102928                 | 2/3/99               | Kingston<br>(Jamaica)   | While underway, the crew<br>spotted pirates on the ship's<br>forecastle, raised the alarm<br>and chased them away   | -  | The crew sounded<br>the alarm and<br>chased the pirates<br>away | -   | ICC-IMB Piracy<br>Reporting Centre<br>Kuala Lumpur  | -                                       |

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| 6   | SOUTHERN VENTURE<br>Bulk carrier<br>Liberia<br>25725<br>9077317                  | 8/3/99<br>03:00 LT   | Muara Jawa<br>anchorage,<br>Samarinda<br>(Indonesia) | While at anchor, eight<br>armed pirates boarded the<br>ship through the portside<br>anchor chain hawse pipe<br>and broke open the<br>forecastle store. The pirates<br>physically assaulted the AB<br>on duty and tied him up | AB's personal belongings<br>and ship's articles stolen | The Master<br>requested the local<br>agent to hire armed<br>guards for patrolling<br>on board | Yes, Regional<br>Piracy Reporting<br>Centre informed                                   | BIMCO<br>IMB/ICC<br>ISF                             | -                                       |
| 7   | MARATHA MISSION<br>Bulk carrier<br>India<br>41671<br>7702255                     | 10/3/99<br>03:00 LT  | Paranagua<br>(Brazil)                                | While at berth, pirates<br>boarded the ship unnoticed  | Cash worth US\$900 and a<br>walkman stolen             | -   | -  | BIMCO   | -                                       |
| 8   | SPRING DELIGHT<br>Reefer<br>Hong Kong, China<br>12783<br>8220424                 | 11/3/99<br>20:15 hrs | Callao anchorage<br>area<br>(Peru)                   | While at anchor waiting for<br>the pilot, pirates boarded the<br>ship and used a crowbar<br>and metal saw to remove<br>locks securing heaving<br>lines and mooring ropes   | Heaving lines and mooring<br>ropes stolen              | The crew chased the<br>pirates off the ship   | Yes, local<br>Authorities<br>informed  | BIMCO   | None                                    |
| 9   | SALWAH<br>General cargo ship<br>Belize<br>6380<br>7323798                        | 12/3/99              | 08° 01' .95 N<br>050° 39' .50 E<br>(Somalia)         | While underway, pirates<br>from a boat opened fire on<br>the ship. They then boarded<br>and hijacked the ship<br>aiming their weapons at the<br>bridge   | Ship hijacked to a Somali<br>port                      | -   | Yes, US Navy,<br>Djibouti Radio<br>and French<br>Defence Force in<br>Djibouti informed | ICC-IMB Piracy<br>Reporting Centre<br>Kuala Lumpur  | -                                       |
| 10  | CIELO DEL VENEZUELA<br>Container ship<br>Antigua and Barbuda<br>11872<br>9122045 | 16/3/99<br>20:50 LT  | Guanta<br>(Venezuela)                                | Four to five pirates armed<br>with knives boarded the<br>ship from small boats and<br>attacked the ship's<br>electrician   | -  | -   | Yes, local Police<br>informed  | BIMCO   | The Police searched<br>the ship in vain |

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| 11  | WORLD KINSHIP<br>Tanker<br>Greece<br>49827<br>7912850               | 16/3/99<br>05:30 UTC | 07° 38' .00 N<br>050° 12' .00 E<br>Off Somali Coast,<br>Arabian Sea | Three pirate boats, one of which was red and named ZEI, sailed close to the ship with armed pirates on board. The pirates fired at the ship and called by VHF channel 16 ordering the ship to stop and let them come on board   | The cargo area was fully inerted and the ship was in ballast condition                                       | The Master increased the speed of the ship to its maximum to clear away from the pirate boats and ordered all the crew to remain in sheltered places to avoid any injuries | Yes, incident reported by VHF channels 13, 16 and 70 and to RCC Piraeus | Greece<br>BIMCO  | -                                       |
| 12  | PACIFIC VENTURE<br>Tanker<br>Panama<br>54935<br>7049342             | 21/3/99<br>16:00 UTC | Phillip Channel   | While underway, pirates boarded the ship and entered the Master's cabin unnoticed   | Ship's money worth US\$1,840 and medicine stolen   | -  | Yes, Indonesian Authorities informed                                    | ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre<br>Kuala Lumpur<br>ISF   | -                                       |
| 13  | BATU LICIN<br>General cargo ship<br>Bahamas<br>5241<br>8105404      | 21/3/99<br>21:15 LT  | 03° 00' .00 S<br>106° 58' .50 E<br>(Indonesia)                      | While underway, pirates boarded the ship and held the crew on the bridge hostage  | One member of the crew assaulted and cash and valuables stolen from the ship's safe, the Master and the crew | -  | Yes, Indonesian Authorities informed                                    | ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre<br>Kuala Lumpur<br>BIMCO | -                                       |
| 14  | ZIM DALIAN<br>Container ship<br>Cyprus<br>36584<br>8905933          | 22/3/99<br>22:00 LT  | 06° 50' .80 N<br>079° 42' .20 E<br>Colombo Roads<br>(Sri Lanka)     | While underway, four pirate speed boats approached the ship with lights looking like local fishing boats. They then came alongside the ship after switching off the lights and fifteen pirates boarded the ship. They opened four containers, threw the contents overboard and escaped. Later on three pirate boats, one of which being named BLUE STAR, returned to collect the floating boxes | Four containers opened and unknown quantity of cargo stolen  | Crew raised the alarm  | Yes, Pilot Station and Sri Lankan Navy informed                         | BIMCO  | Sri Lankan Navy came to the scene       |

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| 15  | LUNA AZUL<br>General cargo ship<br>Philippines<br>8244<br>9159024               | 26/3/99             | 01° 00' .00 S<br>117° 17' .00 E<br>(Indonesia)              | While at anchor, pirates armed with knives boarded the ship   | 80 litres of grease and one mooring rope stolen   | -  | Yes, Indonesian Authorities informed                                    | ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur        | -   |
| 16  | FIONE<br>General cargo ship<br>Panama<br>2451<br>6802216                        | 28/3/99<br>02:00 LT | Off Escravos Bar, Sapele (Nigeria)                          | While proceeding to the pilot station, six masked pirates armed with machine-guns and axes boarded the ship from a speedboat, fired their guns and forced the Master and the crew to the bridge. The pirates asked for money and tried to destroy the ship's navigational equipment | The Master and one member of the crew injured. One binocular stolen and several pieces of equipment on the bridge destroyed | -  | Yes, Port Authorities and Pilot informed                                | BIMCO   | -   |
| 17  | RAHAH<br>Tanker<br>Malaysia<br>1649<br>8907515                                  | 29/3/99             | 02° 11' .90 S<br>105° 09' .00 E<br>(Indonesia)              | While underway, pirates boarded the ship  | Crew's valuables stolen   | -  | Yes, Indonesian Authorities informed                                    | ICC-IMB Piracy Reporting Centre Kuala Lumpur        | -   |
| 18  | P&O NEDLLOYD LAGOS<br>Container ship<br>Antigua and Barbuda<br>16915<br>9060297 | 2/4/99<br>04:00 LT  | 05° 36' .00 N<br>000° 05' .20 E<br>4.4 nm from Tema (Ghana) | While at anchor, two pirates boarded the ship via the anchor chain hawse pipe and escaped using a canoe when spotted by the crew  | Two containers partly stripped of their contents  | The crew sounded the alarm and the ship sailed 15 nm off the coast to wait for the pilot | Yes, Tema Port Control informed   | BIMCO   | A patrol boat was sent out for assistance but was too slow to capture the pirates |
| 19  | SAAD III<br>General cargo ship<br>Belize<br>3493<br>7941100                     | 4/4/99<br>02:00 UTC | Conakry (Guinea)  | Twenty to twenty-five pirates six of whom were armed with automatic weapons boarded the ship from a canoe. They threatened the crew and robbed the ship   | Crew's personal belongings, cash, computers walkie-talkies and clothing stolen  | Eight crew members were wounded  | Yes, Port Control informed  | France (EPSHOM)                                     | -   |

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| 20  | SILVER FISH<br>Passenger ship<br>Malta<br>6092<br>5414971            | 5/4/99<br>09:00 UTC  | 09° 10' 40 N<br>051° 09' 06 E<br>20 to 25 nm off<br>Somali Coast                                      | While underway, a pirate boat attempted to attack the ship with machine-guns. The pirates pretended to be fishermen. The pirates chased the ship but could not board it due to its high freeboard | -  | -   | -   | BIMCO   | -                                       |
| 21  | ORIONAS<br>Reefer<br>Lithuania<br>2462<br>7920546                    | 9/4/99<br>15:25 LT   | 06° 03' 50 S<br>012° 13' 50 E<br>Mata di Mouth of<br>Congo River<br>(Democratic<br>Republic of Congo) | Fifteen armed Portuguese-speaking pirates boarded the ship from two speedboats  | Ship's cash worth US\$5,028, crew's personal property and cash worth US\$646, ship's stores worth US\$850 and provisions worth US\$510, stolen | The Master stopped the ship upon fire attack  | No  | BIMCO   | -                                       |
| 22  | KARIN S<br>Container ship<br>Antigua and Barbuda<br>16250<br>8513780 | 11/4/99<br>13:25 hrs | 07° 18' 80 N<br>049° 54' 60 E<br>Off Somali Coast   | While steaming, two pirate motorboats, one made of wood with a large outboard motor and one of steel construction chased the ship. The pirates fired at the ship to force it to stop              | Ship hit by bullets  | The Master increased the speed of the ship and managed to escape by heading for the open sea at maximum speed | No  | BIMCO   | -                                       |

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