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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 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, the summary of a report on incident received between 31 May 1999 (MSC/Circ.923) and 30 June 1999.

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 1,480, an increase of 1 since 31 May 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, MSC/Circ.904, MSC/Circ.906 and MSC/Circ.923.

¹The following definition of piracy is contained in article 101 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS):

“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).”

ANNEX

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

No.	Ship's name Type of ship Flag Gross tonnage IMO No.	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/Circ.925 ANNEX Page 1
									Action by the coastal State
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	SIAM XANXAI Oil tanker Thailand 1247 7607807	08/06/99 23:50 LT	02°20'.00N 104°15'.00E Near Tioman Island (Malaysia)	While sailing from Singapore to Songkhla, the ship was boarded by twelve robbers armed with guns and knives from two high speed craft who seized the ship and its crew. The armed robbers released the Master and the crew near Kam Pung Penipah Island, Sarawak (East Malaysia), except for one crew who was detained on board as a hostage, and sailed the ship away	One crew member held hostage. Ship with full cargo of 2,028 MT of gas oil and all crew's properties seized and stolen.	-	Yes, Harbour Department, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Royal Thai Embassy in Malaysia and Royal Thai Navy, Bangkok, informed	Thailand	-

*The position given should be as accurate as possible including latitude and longitude co-ordinates or as a bearing and distance from a conspicuous landmark.