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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 reports on incidents received between 31 December 1999 (MSC/Circ.938) and 31 January 2000.

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 1,695, an increase of 74 since 31 December 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 last quarter of 1999 being MSC/Circ.936, MSC/Circ.937 and MSC/Circ.938.

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)."

ANNEX
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	Name not reported Refrigerated cargo carrier Bahamas 5084	01/01/99	Guayaquil (Ecuador)	Robbers armed with rifles boarded the ship while at anchor	Ship's stores stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
2	EGLANTINE Oil tanker Hong Kong, China 4206 9182095	14/02/99	Haiphong (Viet Nam)	Armed robbers boarded ship while at berth	Ship's stores stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
3	TIANGSHENGHAI Bulk carrier Panama 85676 9137600	21/02/99	Guaiba island (Brazil)	Five armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	-	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
4	ZIM DALIAN Container ship Cyprus 36584 8905933	22/04/99	Colombo (Sri Lanka)	Armed robbers boarded the ship whilst at anchor and transferred the contents from four containers into a waiting boat	Containers' contents stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
5	MSC MARINA General cargo ship Panama 8425 7030937	20/07/99	Dar Es Saalam (Tanzania)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	Cargo from four containers stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
6	JAHRE VENTURE Oil tanker Norway (NIS) 185398 7360863	18/08/99	Kharg island (Iran (Islamic Republic of))	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	Ship's equipment stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
7	SKAUTOPP Bulk carrier Japan 22308 8223359	02/09/99	Off Ko Si Chang, Thailand	Pirates attempted to board ship while underway	-	The ship increased speed and altered course to prevent boarding	-	ICC-IMB	-
8	MIRA Bulk carrier Malta 15612 8313063	02/10/99	Chittagong (Bangladesh)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and broke into the forecastle store	Ship's stores stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-

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9	ALWINE OLDENDORFF Bulk carrier Liberia 35350 8807193	04/10/99	Alexandria (Egypt)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	Ship's stores and equipment stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
10	YUKATAN Bulk carrier Liberia 20336 7313808	10/10/99	Mulanai point - Luzon (Philippines)	Armed robbers attempted to board the ship while at anchor	-	Crew deterred the armed robbery	-	ICC-IMB	-
11	OOCL HONOUR Container ship Cyprus 44851 8718122	10/10/99	Colombo (Sri Lanka)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	Cargo from containers stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
12	ISOCARDIA Oil tanker United Kingdom (Isle of Man) 39932 7708687	12/10/99	Off Tanjung Gabang, Indonesia	Pirates attempted to board the ship while underway	-	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
13	NANYO General cargo ship Panama 5552 9088201	12/10/99	Samarinda (Indonesia)	Armed robbers attempted to board the ship while at anchor	-	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
14	ACTUARIA Container ship Singapore 9923	18/10/99	Chennai (India)	Armed robbers boarded ship while at anchor and attempted to steal from the store	-	Crew spotted and deterred the armed robbers	-	ICC-IMB	-
15	KOO YONG Oil tanker Panama 22735 9137583	19/10/99	Chittagong (Bangladesh)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	Ship's stores stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
16	ALGARROBO Oil tanker Norway (NIS) 90747 8015697	24/10/99	70 nm off Accra, Ghana	A pirate boat trailed the ship while underway	-	The ship increased speed and altered course so that the pirate boat could not follow	-	ICC-IMB	-

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17	VACHNADZE Oil tanker Malta 10937 8207068	27/10/99	Chittagong (Bangladesh)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	Ship's stores stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
18	CHANDIDAS General cargo ship India 13691 7911234	27/10/99	Kandla (India)	Armed robbers attempted to board the ship while at anchor	-	Alarm raised	-	ICC-IMB	-
19	EASTERN HIGHWAY Ro-ro-cargo ship Liberia 16588 7627261	28/10/99	02°57'.00S 107°17'.00E Selat Gaspar (Indonesia)	Armed robbers in an unlit boat attempted to board the ship while underway	-	The horn was sounded continuously and the boat departed	-	ICC-IMB	-
20	DEA CHAMPION Barge Belize 9237 7909724	30/10/99	Chittagong (Bangladesh)	Armed robbers in four small boats boarded the barge while at anchor	Ship's equipment stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
21	ST. IRENE Container ship Cyprus 9601 8901937	31/10/99	Kochi (India)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	Cargo from a container stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
22	ALAM SELAR Bulk carrier Malaysia 13645 7722413	01/11/99	01°45'.02N 102°30'.00E Malacca Strait	Pirates tried to board the ship while underway	-	Crew foiled the attack	-	ICC-IMB	-
23	SINAR SUMBA General cargo ship Singapore 5505	04/11/99	02°55'.00S 107°17'.00E Selat Gaspar (Indonesia)	Armed robbers tried to board the ship while underway	-	Crew foiled the attack	-	ICC-IMB	-
24	SANMAR PAVILION Bulk carrier India 36416 7700960	07/11/99	Bonny river (Nigeria)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while underway and threatened the Chief officer	Ship's stores stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-

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25	NIL Bulk carrier Turkey 48298 8114132	08/11/99	Surabaya (Indonesia)	Robbers armed with knives boarded the ship whilst anchored but fled when spotted by the crew	-	Alarm raised	-	ICC-IMB	-
26	BINHAI Supply ship China 2320	09/11/99	02°02'.82N 102°03'.29E Malacca Strait	Pirates in a speed boat attempted to board the ship while underway	-	Crew fired rockets to draw other ships' attention for help	-	ICC-IMB	-
27	SUN BREEZE MASTER General cargo ship Panama 1999	09/11/99	Chittagong (Bangladesh)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	Ship's stores stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
28	APHRODITE III Yacht Australia	11/11/99	Off Somalia	Pirates opened fire at the yacht while underway and attempted to board	-	Crew repelled the attack	Yes - Port of Aden authorities informed and distress message sent	ICC-IMB	Tanker sent to escort the yacht to Aden
29	BUNGA MAS SATU Container ship Malaysia 7998 9102526	11/11/99	Sandakan (Malaysia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at berth and lowered ship's stores into a small boat. They jumped into the water and escaped when spotted by crew	Ship's stores stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
30	SINAR SUMBA General cargo ship Singapore 5505	11/11/99	Selat Baur (Indonesia)	Two armed robbers boarded the ship while underway using a long bamboo with a hook and jumped into the water when spotted by crew	-	Master ordered his crew to stone the armed robbers	-	ICC-IMB	-
31	CRANE NORTH Oil tanker Singapore 1957 7821829	13/11/99	Kandla (India)	Armed robbers wearing masks boarded the ship while at anchor	Crew's belongings and ship's equipment stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
32	JURONG Chemical tanker Honduras 4304 7426289	14/11/99	Madras (India)	Armed robbers attempted to board the ship	-	Alarm raised	-	ICC-IMB	-

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33	APL JAPAN Container ship Singapore 64502 9074391	15/11/99	01°50'.00N 102°50'.00E Malacca strait	Four high speed boats attempted to chase the ship while underway. Boats fled towards Muar River	-	Ship increased speed and altered course. Whistle sounded	-	ICC-IMB	-
34	BUNGA MELATI SATU Chemical tanker Malaysia 22254 9123659	17/11/99	Belawan outer anchorage (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor but fled when spotted by the crew	-	Alarm raised	-	ICC-IMB	-
35	TRIADA Refrigerated cargo carrier Romania 516	17/11/99	Manila (Philippines)	Two armed robbers entered the engine room and threatened the crew during the hand over process	-	Armed robbers overpowered by the Master	-	ICC-IMB	-
36	BUNGA MAS TIGA Container ship Malaysia 7998 9113161	17/11/99	Tg. Priok (Indonesia)	Armed robbers in a wooden motor boat approached the stern of the ship while at anchor but fled when spotted by the crew	-	Crew raised alarm and rushed to the stern	-	ICC-IMB	-
37	LEOPARD STAR Yacht United Kingdom	19/11/99	15°32'.00N 041°53'.00E (Red Sea)	Pirates armed with guns boarded the ship while underway	-	Crew members fought off the pirates	-	ICC-IMB	-
38	BRAVO General cargo ship Romania 12215 8819017	20/11/99	Yangon (Myanmar)	Four armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and escaped when spotted by the crew	Ship's stores stolen	The duty AB spotted the armed robbers and informed the bridge OOW. Alarm raised	-	ICC-IMB	-
39	CLARET Bulk carrier Singapore 38194 9135365	22/11/99	Gelasa Straits (Indonesia)	A speed boat approached the ship while underway but left immediately when spotted by alert crew	-	Crew switched on the Aldis lamp and sounded the ship's whistle	-	ICC-IMB	-
40	AIRFLOW Yacht Panama	22/11/99	Off Somalia	Two speed boats approached the yacht from the stern while underway, but yacht altered course and prevented boarding	-	Master altered course to prevent the pirates from boarding	-	ICC-IMB	-

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41	ORIENT PATRIOT Container ship India 17702 8107294	23/11/99	Off the Iranian Coast	Pirates asking for fresh water attempted to board the ship while underway. They followed the ship and fired at her but left when they found no means for accessing the ship	-	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
42	APMANN II General cargo ship Panama 13100 7631470	23/11/99	Tg. Priok (Indonesia)	Ten armed robbers boarded the ship while berthed and threatened four crew members	-	The crew chased the armed robbers away	-	ICC-IMB	-
43	BELICIA Oil tanker Panama 2362 7921289	26/11/99	02°59'.00S 106°58'.00E Selat Gaspar (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while underway	-	The crew chased the armed robbers away	-	ICC-IMB	-
44	EROWATI Chemical tanker Panama 6688 9184031	26/11/99	Gelasa Straits (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while underway	Crew members taken hostage and ship's equipment and personal cash stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
45	THOR KIRSTEN General cargo ship Denmark (DIS) 1086 3702422	27/11/99	Leplia Straits (Indonesia)	Armed robbers attempted to board the ship while underway but fled when spotted by the crew	-	The crew mustered on deck, raised the alarm and switched on deck lights	-	ICC-IMB	-
46	PAC BALI Container ship Liberia 3696 9180750	29/11/99	02°53'.00S 106°58'.00E Gelasa Straits (Indonesia)	Six armed robbers boarded the ship while underway	-	The alert crew foiled the attack	-	ICC-IMB	-
47	VICTORIA L Oil tanker Malta 87798 7379187	29/11/99	01°44'.00N 102°35'.00E Malacca Strait	Pirates armed with knives boarded the ship while underway	-	The alert crew foiled the attack	-	ICC-IMB	-

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48	NORBULK PINE General cargo ship Malta 16169 7635385	30/11/99	Kochi (India)	Armed robbers attempted to board the ship while at anchor but fled when spotted by crew	-	Ship's whistle sounded and alarm raised	-	ICC-IMB	-
49	ALLIANCE SPIRIT Oil tanker Panama 97087 8907400	30/11/99	Gelasa Straits (Indonesia)	Six robbers armed with knives boarded the ship while underway	Cash and crew's belongings stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
50	BALI SEA General cargo ship Singapore 22268 8106068	01/12/99	Gelasa Straits (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while underway and fled when spotted by crew	-	Duty officer raised the alarm and alerted the crew	-	ICC-IMB	-
51	VINCITA Chemical tanker Norway (NIS) 15380 7329273	03/12/99	Gelasa Straits (Indonesia)	Robbers armed with guns boarded the ship while underway but escaped when the alarm was raised	-	Crew informed the bridge duty officer and raised the alarm	-	ICC-IMB	-
52	BUNGA MAS LAPAN Container ship Malaysia 7998 9150860	03/12/99	Chittagong (Bangladesh)	Two armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	Ship's stores stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB PRC Kuala Lumpur	-
53	NORGAS ENERGY Gas carrier-LPG Norway 6521 7721081	04/12/99	Merak (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while berthed	Ship's stores stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
54	PACIFIC CENTURION Tug Panama 1313 8022884	05/12/99	Chittagong (Bangladesh)	Armed robbers boarded the tug while at anchor	Ship's stores stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
55	BALTIC BULKER Log carrier Panama 16608 8400244	05/12/99	Owendo (Gabon)	Robbers armed with guns boarded the ship while at anchor and fled when the alarm was raised	One member of the crew held as hostage	Alarm raised	-	ICC-IMB	-

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56	SAGAR Container ship Panama 13235 9202895	06/12/99	Colombo anchorage (Sri Lanka)	Ten armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and attempted to steal from the store	-	The crew chased the robbers away	-	ICC-IMB	-
57	J. CAPTAIN TRADER Bulk carrier Philippines 14762 9177480	06/12/99	Chittagong (Bangladesh)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and tried to open the forecastle store	Watchman injured after he was slashed with a sharp sickle	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
58	X-PRESS MAKALU Container ship Singapore 5790 7808815	06/12/99	Chittagong (Bangladesh)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor but fled when spotted by the crew	-	Alarm raised. Anti-piracy watch informed bridge	-	ICC-IMB	-
59	SHENTON Container ship Malaysia 6092 9031727	09/12/99	Sandakan (Malaysia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor but aborted the attack when spotted by the crew	-	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
60	NORBULK PINE General cargo ship Malta 10751 7635385	10/12/99	Kochi (India)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor but fled when the alarm was raised	-	Alarm raised	-	ICC-IMB	The Coast Guard detained the robbers
61	KARIBA Container ship Liberia 13382 8908088	13/12/99	Panjang (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while berthed, entered the engine room and tied up an oiler. They escaped when the alarm was raised	Ship's equipment stolen	Alarm raised	-	ICC-IMB	-
62	PENANG GLORY Container ship Panama 15560 7611597	15/12/99	Belawan (Indonesia)	Pirates armed with knives boarded the ship while at anchor but were spotted by the crew who repelled them	Two crew members injured	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
63	IVER SPLENDOR Oil tanker Netherlands 22733	15/12/99	Belawan (Indonesia)	Armed robbers attempted to board the ship while at anchor via the anchor chain but fled when the alarm was raised	-	Alarm raised. AB on roving patrol spotted the armed robbers and informed the bridge duty office	-	ICC-IMB	-

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64	SAIGON 1 General cargo ship Viet Nam 7760 7314890	16/12/99	Chittagong (Bangladesh)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	-	Crew repelled the robbers	-	ICC-IMB	-
65	PERFORMANCE 9 Oil tanker Singapore 3077	17/12/99	Chittagong (Bangladesh)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	-	Crew repelled armed robbers	-	ICC-IMB	-
66	MED RIVA General cargo ship Malta 16161 7723053	18/12/99	Kandla (India)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	Ship's stores stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
67	TIGER CLIFF General cargo ship Cyprus 9909	21/12/99	Calcutta (India)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	Ship's stores stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
68	TOP WISDOM Bulk carrier Liberia 26094 9149380	22/12/99	Hugli river (India)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	Ship's stores stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
69	BUGOVO General cargo ship Slovenia 11854 7516228	22/12/99	Tuticorin (India)	Robbers armed with knives boarded the ship while at anchor	Ship's stores stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
70	ARIEL Bulk carrier Cyprus 19279 7621188	22/12/99	Tuticorin (India)	Armed robbers attempted to board the ship while at anchor	-	The crew foiled the attack	-	ICC-IMB	-
71	GREAT CALM Bulk carrier Hong Kong, China 26094 9116345	25/12/99	Owendo anchorage (Gabon)	A small boat approached the ship and one armed robber was spotted on the forecastle. He jumped overboard and escaped in the small boat together with other robbers who had attempted to board the ship when the alarm was raised	-	Ship's whistle and general alarm sounded	Yes	Hong Kong, China	None

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72	PACSTAR General cargo ship Panama 4929 9060716	26/12/99	Samarinda (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	Ship's equipment stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
73	KARIBA Bulk carrier Liberia 13382 8908088	26/12/99	Sandakan (Malaysia)	Armed robbers attempted to board the ship while at anchor via a ladder but fled when spotted by the crew	-	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
74	SHENG YANG General cargo ship China 1594 8847416	26/12/99	Chittagong (Bangladesh)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	-	Crew repelled the robbers	-	ICC-IMB	-

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