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

### **Issued monthly - Acts reported during February 2000**

1 In pursuance of the Maritime Safety Committee's instruction to the Secretariat to issue monthly reports of all incidents of piracy<sup>1</sup> 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 January 2000 (MSC/Circ.940) and 29 February 2000.

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 1,700, an increase of 5 since 31 January 2000.

3 Previous incidents reported to the Organization since the fifty-ninth session of the Committee have been circulated by various MSC circulars, the one issued during the current year being MSC/Circ.940.

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<sup>1</sup> "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

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. 941 ANNEX Page 1
									Action by the coastal State
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	GONE TROPPO Yacht Australia	27/01/00	13°03'.00N 048°41'.00E Gulf of Aden	Pirates fired from an open boat and boarded the yacht	The skipper and his wife were held at gunpoint and the wife was wounded in the leg by one of the fired bullets. The yacht suffered several damages during the firing. The couple's money and the HF radio equipment were stolen	The skipper changed course when he spotted the boat but did not manage to escape the pirates. 'Mayday' calls were made but were not answered immediately	Yes, Djibouti Authorities informed	United Kingdom	-
2	APJ ANAND Bulk carrier India 10588 7641140	02/02/00 07:15 hrs	Inner Anchorage, Mongla (Bangladesh)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	Ship's stores stolen	-	Yes, Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB	-
3	ASEAN SUCCESS Bulk carrier Singapore 15943 7509885	05/02/00 21:00 UTC	Outer Anchorage, Kandla (India)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor	Ship's stores stolen	-	Yes, Coast Guard informed	ICC-IMB	-
4	DUBAI PRIDE Oil tanker Bahamas 9094 8905787	11/02/00 04:30 GMT	06°18'.02N 003°22'.02E Lagos Anchorage (Nigeria)	Ten robbers armed with knives boarded the ship from two speed boats using grappling hooks	One seaman on duty threatened. Five mooring ropes stolen	Alarm raised Crew alerted	Yes, Lagos Port Control informed	Bahamas	-
5	KOTA WANGSA Container ship Singapore 16772 9123594	25/02/00	Anchorage No 2 (Hong Kong, China)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and broke into containers	Some cargo of Ethyl Butyrate stolen	-	Yes, Marine Police of Hong Kong, China informed	Hong Kong, China ICC-IMB	An investigation was conducted by the Marine Police of Hong Kong, China

\*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