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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 March 2000 (MSC/Circ.943) and 28 April 2000.

2 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 1,758, an increase of 7 since 31 March 2000.

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.940, MSC/Circ.941 and MSC/Circ.943.

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**

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. 945 ANNEX Page 1
									Action by the coastal State
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	GLOBAL MARS Chemical tanker Panama 3729 8502731	23/02/00	07°32'.00N 097°24'.00E Malacca Strait	Pirates boarded and hijacked the ship while underway from Port Kelang (Malaysia) to Haldia (India)	All seventeen crew members were transferred to a fishing boat. They were rescued and taken to Phuket Island from where they were repatriated to Myanmar and the Republic of Korea. The ship and cargo are still missing	-	-	ICC-IMB	-
2	ROBERT STOVE Bulk carrier Netherlands 34572 8110289	12/03/00	Chennai (India)	Armed robbers attempted to board the ship while at anchor	-	Crew on anti-piracy watch spotted and deterred the armed robbers	-	ICC-IMB	-
3	CAPTAIN ANN Oil tanker France (Wallis et Futuna) 25060 9038751	22/03/00	Dar Es Salaam (Tanzania)	Five armed robbers in a small boat approached the stern of the ship while at anchor	-	The duty AB informed the duty officer who directed the search light at the boat and the armed robbers escaped	-	ICC-IMB	-
4	YONG AN 4 Bulk carrier Panama 26737 9109732	22/03/00	Pulau Laut Coal Terminal (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship and attempted to steal the ship's stores	The duty AB was tied up	The duty officer spotted the armed robbers who escaped in a wooden boat	-	ICC-IMB	-
5	ASEAN ENERGY General cargo ship Singapore 3009 8115057	26/03/00	Bintulu (Malaysia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while at anchor and attempted to steal from the forecandle paint store	-	Crew raised the alarm and the armed robbers jumped into the sea and escaped	-	ICC-IMB	-
6	SANKO SINCERE Bulk carrier Japan 29688 9189926	27/03/00	Surabaya (Indonesia)	Armed robbers boarded the ship while berthed	Ship's stores stolen	-	-	ICC-IMB	-

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7	Name not reported Warship France	19/04/00 20:00 LT	07°04'.00N 049°58'.00E (Off Somalia)	Pirates in two fast patrol boats approached the ship but moved away when they realized that it was a warship	-	-	-	France	-

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