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REPORT ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

Issued quarterly

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its sixty-fifth session in May 1995, instructed the Secretariat to issue, as from 31 July 1995, monthly reports of all incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships reported to the Organization and, in addition, 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 on any new feature or pattern of significance.

2 Annexed hereto is a composite report covering all incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships received between 1 October and the end of December 1995 and a regional analysis thereof.

3 As reported in MSC/Circ.709, the areas most affected over the period under review are the South East Asian (including the South China Sea and the Malacca Strait), the Indian Ocean and the Eastern part of South America. Two incidents have been reported to have taken place in the Mediterranean Sea. Attacks are generally reported in territorial waters. In most of the attacks, the crews were threatened with firearms.

4 The total number of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships so far reported to the Organization is 657, an increase of 60 since 30 September 1995.
