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PROTECTION OF VITAL SHIPPING LANES

Piracy and armed robbery against ships

Note by the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document reports on developments, since C 116, regarding the repression of piracy and armed robbery against ships and illicit maritime activity in the Gulf of Guinea and in waters off the coast of Somalia
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	6.2, 6.3
<i>High-level action:</i>	6.2.3, 6.2.4
<i>Output:</i>	6.2.2.1
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 7
<i>Related document:</i>	C 116/D, section 12

Reports of incidents

1 Reports of actual and attempted attacks by pirates and armed robbers are promulgated via IMO's Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) (<http://gisis.imo.org>).

2 In order to enhance the quality of the information provided by GISIS, Member States are urged to provide as much information as possible directly to the Secretariat at marsec@imo.org, using the IMO reporting format in MSC.1/Circ.1333, appendix 5, or in the Best Management Practices (MSC.1/Circ.1339).

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3 A verbal briefing on the latest situation and progress made in the Gulf of Guinea and in waters off the coast of Somalia will be given to the Council during its consideration of this agenda item.

4 The African Union Extraordinary Summit on Maritime Security and Safety and Development in Africa was held in Lomé, Togo, from 11 to 15 October 2016. The Summit and supporting "Side Events" addressed all aspects of maritime safety and security governance. The Summit concluded with the adoption by African Heads of State and Government of a Charter on Maritime Security and Safety and Development in Africa. A copy of the Charter is available on the IMO website at:

<http://www.imo.org/en/OurWork/Security/Pages/MaritimeSecurity.aspx>.

5 On 7 July 2016 the United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 2297 (2016) which, inter alia, authorized the Member States of the African Union to maintain the deployment of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) until 31 May 2017. AMISOM is authorized, inter alia, to conduct joint operations with the Somali security forces, within its capabilities, in coordination with other parties, as part of the implementation of the Somali national security plans and to contribute to the wider effort of training and mentoring of the security forces of the Federal Government of Somalia; and to contribute, within its capabilities as may be requested, to the creation of the necessary security conditions for the provision of humanitarian assistance. Resolution 2297(2016) and other UN Security Council resolutions may be found at: <http://www.un.org/en/sc/documents/resolutions/2016.shtml>.

6 The Secretary-General would like to acknowledge with thanks the past contributions of Denmark, France, Japan, the Marshall Islands, the Netherlands, Norway, the Republic of Korea and Saudi Arabia to the Djibouti Code of Conduct Trust Fund and those of Angola, China, Japan, Nigeria, Norway and the United Kingdom to the IMO West and Central Africa Maritime Security Trust Fund. Further donations to enable IMO to continue its capacity building in support of implementation of these important initiatives would be much appreciated.

Action requested of the Council

7 The Council is invited to note the information provided and take action, as appropriate.
