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## PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

### “In the firing line”

### A report on the threat to merchant shipping, posed by piracy, armed robbery and terrorism

Submitted by the ICFTU

#### SUMMARY

**Executive summary:** “In the Firing Line” is a report, which has been produced by a seafarers’ organization, on the current situation and the on-going problem of piracy and armed robbery against ships. This report is submitted for the information of the Committee

**Action to be taken:** Paragraph 3

**Related documents:** None

1 Seafarers and their organizations are extremely concerned that problem of piracy and armed robbery against ships continues to increase. This is particularly significant in the high incidence of violent attacks and the high-jacking of vessels and their crews.

2 NUMAST, an ICFTU affiliate, has produced the attached report<sup>1</sup> which provides the seafarers perspective of the unacceptable threat to merchant shipping and how seafarers perceive the problem can be best addressed.

#### Action requested of the Committee

3 The Committee is invited to note the information provided.

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<sup>1</sup> Each delegation will be able to collect one copy of the report from the Documents Desk during the seventy-ninth session of the Committee.