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PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

Flag States' support for improving reliability of worldwide piracy attack data collated by the International Maritime Bureau

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SUMMARY

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| <i>Executive summary:</i> | Flag States' role in collection of information on acts of violence on seafarers |
| <i>Strategic direction:</i> | 6.2 |
| <i>High-level action:</i> | 6.2.2 |
| <i>Planned output:</i> | No related provisions |
| <i>Action to be taken:</i> | Paragraph 6 |
| <i>Related documents:</i> | Declaration condemning acts of violence against seafarers |

Background

1 On 3 August 2011, the flag States of the Republic of Liberia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Panama signed a Declaration condemning the acts of violence against seafarers and recognizing the need for better information on attacks.

2 As part of the Declaration, the above-mentioned flag States recognized the increasing problems of acts of piracy and armed robbery against merchant vessels and their seafarers and the associated increased use of violence associated with piratical incidents.

3 The flag States also recognized that the information on the increasing problems of piracy and armed robbery and the associated violence was being under-reported and the collection and the reporting of such information would be of value to the maritime community as a whole.

4 Within the declaration, the flag States agreed that there were significant sensitivities in the reporting of the said information especially the identities of the owners, crew and their families.

5 The said flag States agreed to provide information to the International Maritime Bureau (IMB) of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in accordance with the internal procedures of the individual flag States to allow the ICC-IMB to collate and report on such information after taking into consideration the possibly sensitive nature of the information.

Action requested of the Committee

6 The Committee is requested to note the above and to encourage all IMO members to take all necessary action to support and provide information on acts of piracy and armed robbery and the associated violence to the ICC-IMB in order to be collated and reported for the benefit of all.
