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1. Number of Escort Operations: 10 times (The 122nd – the 131st escort operation) (The 81st – the 90th escort operation under Japan’s Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

2. Number of Escorted Vessels: 86 vessels (Accumulated total of 713 escorted vessels since the start of operations under Japan’s Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

Breakdown:

Japanese-registered ships – 3 (Accumulated total of 8 escorted vessels under Japan’s Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

Foreign ships operated by Japanese shipping companies – 24 (Accumulated total of 199 escorted vessels under Japan’s Anti-Piracy Measures Law) (Out of the 24 foreign ships, Japanese citizens were on board 3 ships.)

Foreign ships other than above – 59 (Accumulated total of 506 escorted vessels under Japan’s Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

* The above record does not include the 1st – 41st escort operation performed as Maritime Security Activities, which were performed before the establishment of the Anti-Piracy Measures Law.

** If the Anti-Piracy Measures Law had not come into force, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force destroyers would not have been able to legally escort 56 of the 86 escorted vessels (the 56 foreign ships not operated by Japanese shipping companies).