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Record of Escort Operations Performed by Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Units Dispatched for Anti-Piracy Activities (November 2010) (Provisional Translation)

1. Number of Escort Operations: 8 times (The 188th – the 195th escort operation) (The 147th – the 154th escort operation under Japan’s Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

2. Number of Escorted Vessels: 73 vessels (Accumulated total of 1307 escorted vessels since the start of operations under Japan’s Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

Breakdown:

Japanese-registered ships – 0 (Accumulated total of 9 escorted vessels under Japan’s Anti-Piracy Measures Law)

Foreign ships operated by Japanese shipping companies – 13 (Accumulated total of 309 escorted vessels under Japan’s Anti-Piracy Measures Law) (Out of the 13 foreign ships, a Japanese citizen was on board 0 ship.)

Foreign ships other than above – 60 (Accumulated total of 989 escorted vessels under Japan’s Anti-Piracy Measures Law) (Out of the 64 foreign ships, a Japanese citizen was on board 1 ship.)

* 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 59 of the 73 escorted vessels (the 59 foreign ships not operated by Japanese shipping companies)