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I Assent,

Louise Lake-Tack,
Governor-General.

17th January, 2014.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
THE MARITIME PIRACY ACT, 2013

No. 17 of 2013

AN ACT to criminalise acts of maritime piracy.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows—

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Maritime Piracy Act 2013.

2. Interpretation

(1) In this Act-

“piracy” means—

- (a) any illegal acts of violence or detention, or any act of depredation committed for private ends by the crew or a passenger of a private ship or private aircraft, and directed-
 - (i) on the high seas, against another ship or aircraft, or against persons or property on board such ship or aircraft; or
 - (ii) against a ship, aircraft, persons or property in a place outside the jurisdiction of any State;



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- (b) any act of voluntary participation in the operation of a ship or of an aircraft with knowledge of facts making it a pirate ship or aircraft; and
- (c) any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described in subparagraphs (a) or (b).

(2) For the purposes of this Act, the terms used in this Act shall be interpreted in accordance with the United Nations Convention of the Law of the Sea 1982.

3. Crime of Piracy

A person who carries out an act of piracy in the territorial waters of Antigua and Barbuda, under this Act commits an offence and shall be liable upon conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 25 years and a fine not exceeding \$500,000.00, or to both.

Passed by the House of Representatives
on the 3rd day of December, 2013.

Passed by the Senate on the 11th day of
December, 2013.

D. Giesel Isaac-Arrindell,
Speaker.

Hazlyn M. Francis,
President.

Ramona Small
Clerk to the House of Representatives.

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Clerk to the Senate.