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## DECLARATION OF HAMBURG 2009

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We, the Participants at the 3rd session of the Summer Academy,

Having assembled in the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg at the seat of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, from 26th July to 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2009;

Determined to follow the path of excellence set by our predecessors of the first and the second Summer Academy of 2007 and 2008;

Desirous to build upon the strong foundation established by our predecessors in the declarations of Hamburg 2007 and 2008 ;

Having had the honour and the privilege to take part in the 3rd session of the Summer Academy on the topic “Uses and Protection of the Sea - Legal, Economic and Natural Science Perspectives”;

Recognizing the immense richness of this program due to its varied, balanced, participative and interactive character involving lectures, workshops, moot court and excursions;

Recognizing the high standards, the expertise, the experience and professionalism of different lecturers;

Welcoming the diversity of the Participants in relation to geographical and ethnic origin and gender as well as their varied professional backgrounds and areas of expertise;

Recognizing the particular support of the International Foundation for the Law of the Sea for the Participants from Developing Countries;

Welcoming also the quality and enriching character of the debates involving the exchange of ideas and the deepening of understanding of many aspects of the law of the sea, maritime law and oceanic affairs;

Expressing the honour and the multiple benefits to the Participants from contact with the Judges of the Tribunal, the Registrar and the other members of the personnel of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea;

Emphasizing the support of IFLOS to the international community in promoting the peaceful use of the seas and the oceans, the equitable and effective use of their resources, the conservation of their living resources and the study, the protection and the safeguarding of the marine environment;

Recognizing the concern of the international community on the particular issues of to , maritime safety, security, piracy and climate change in the particular context of the recent economic crises ;

Recalling the duty of States to cooperate and to settle their international disputes by peaceful means,

1. Express our deep gratitude to the team of IFLOS for the successful organization of this Summer Academy and to the lecturers on the programme for sharing their knowledge and expertise;
2. Extend our recognition and gratitude to the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg and to the International Tribunal for the Law of the sea for hosting the 3rd summer academy in peace and serenity;
3. Extend moreover our gratitude to the partners of the Foundation for their material and financial support without which the academy could not be held; we mention particularly the Edmund Siemers - Stiftung, the Korea International Cooperation Agency , the Lighthouse Foundation , Zeit-Stiftung Ebelin and Gerd Bucerius, Leonhard and Blumberg, the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, the German Federal Ministry of Justice and the Nippon Foundation;
4. Recognise the important contribution received from other training Institutions as Max Planck Institute, Bucerius Law school.
5. Congratulate also the International Foundation for the Law of the Sea for the program of the excursions and visits which enabled us to measure the influence of the maritime sector in the economic development of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg in particular and of the Federal Republic of Germany in general;
6. Call upon the IIFLOS to continue to organize the next sessions with professionalism and excellence;
7. Encourage IFLOS to reinforce the contents of the current program by regular conferences on topical questions in the field of the Law of the Sea and Maritime Law;
8. Support firmly the idea of creation of alumni association of the former participants of the summer academy and encourage the Foundation to increase its presence in other areas of the world in conjunction with the Alumni;
9. Undertake as friends and colleagues to make good use of the knowledge acquired from the Academy in our respective countries and to educate

our communities about the protection and the safeguarding of maritime environment as well as impact of the maritime sector in the economic development of our States.

10. Ask the International Foundation for the Law of the Sea to facilitate the application of this declaration.

Made in Hamburg, on this the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2009