



# *International Foundation for the Law of the Sea*

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## **Summer Academy Resolution 2012**

*The thirty-five Participants at the Sixth Summer Academy of the International Foundation for the Law of the Sea;*

*Having assembled* in the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, at the seat of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, from 22 July to 18 August 2012;

*Having had* the honour and privilege to participate in the Sixth Summer Academy on the topic of “Uses and Protection of the Sea – Legal, Economic and Natural Science Perspective”, with a particular focus on the promotion of ocean governance and peaceful settlement of disputes;

*Recognizing* the Summer Academy curriculum as being varied and balanced in regards to the law of the sea and maritime law, and for its integration of lectures, workshops, challenging discussions and moot court;

*Noting* the important contribution of the Academy to promote a better understanding of the Law of the Sea and Maritime Law;

*Welcoming* the broad geographic, ethnic and gender-balanced representation of participants;

*Recognizing* the interests of both States and private institutions in a good governance of the oceans;

1. *Express* our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the International Foundation for the Law of the Sea and its staff for the successful organization of the Sixth Summer Academy, and to the lecturers of the programme for sharing their knowledge and expertise;
2. *Extend* our deep gratitude to the supporters of the 2012 Summer Academy: China Institute of International Studies, Edmund Siemers-Stiftung, German Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt), The Nippon Foundation;
3. *Extend* moreover our gratitude to Ince & Co. International Law Firm, Lebuhn & Puchta Rechtsanwälte, and Watson, Farley & Williams;
4. *Call upon* the IFLOS to provide opportunities for participants to give presentations on their topics of research interests, in a non compulsory basis, which shall be related to the theme of the Summer Academy and subject to mutually beneficial brainstorming sessions;
5. *Emphasize* the enriching character of interactive modules as beneficial tools and call upon the IFLOS to consider the inclusion of more participative sessions such as workshops;

6. *Call upon* the IFLOS to promote multilingualism among lectures with a view to promoting a broader geographical representation of lecturers and *encourage* the IFLOS to provide in these cases simultaneous interpretation allowing participants fully involvement in the discussions;
7. *Recommend* the IFLOS to encourage and ensure the development and maintenance of a proper geographical balance among the lecturers of the Summer Academy program;
8. *Call upon* the IFLOS and ITLOS to provide access to the ITLOS library and database at the beginning of the course in order to enable the participants to effectively conduct research, thoroughly prepare for and substantially contribute to the lectures and discussions;
9. *Request* that the IFLOS Summer Academy should be promoted more through relevant informing forums and organizations such as career fairs in universities in order to create awareness and geographical diversity amongst the participants;
10. *Encourage* the IFLOS to continue the organization of the extra-curricular activities, social events and a balance between lectures and the time needed for the preparation for the moot court documents and presentations;
11. *Invite* the IFLOS to consider the possibility of organizing, every five years, a Conference, Colloquia or Seminar on the “Contemporary Issues on Law of the Sea and Maritime Law” for the Alumni of the Academy that could rotate amongst the respective countries of all participants to enable us have primarily, interactive sessions, deeper insight on the issues predominant in the fields of the law of the sea and maritime law;
12. *Request* the IFLOS to monitor the implementation of this declaration;

Done in Hamburg in two originals, French and English, this 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2012. Both texts are equally authentic.