Hamburg Resolution 2011

We, the twenty-nine participants of the Fifth 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 24th July to 20th August 2011;

Having had the privilege of participating in the landmark Fifth anniversary session of the Summer Academy on the topic of “Uses and Protection of the Sea – Legal, Economic and Natural Science Perspectives”;

Viewing with appreciation the efforts of the International Foundation for the Law of the Sea to advance capacity building by composing a curriculum reflecting the current issues related to the uses and protection of the sea;

Welcoming the gender balance among the participants and their diverse geographical and ethnic origins;

Noting the challenges presented by the changing global environment and the depletion of ocean resources and recognizing the opportunities presented by contemporary scientific research in conjunction with sound ocean governance as means of addressing these issues;

Recognizing the interests of both states and private institutions in the management of our seas, bearing in mind the desirability of creating harmony and balance among different professional backgrounds and opinions;

Resolve to:

1. Express our deep gratitude to the International Foundation of the Law of the Sea, its staff and volunteers for the successful organization and realization of the Fifth Summer Academy, to the staff and judges of the International Tribunal for the Law for the Sea and to external lecturers for sharing their expert knowledge;

2. Extend our sincere appreciation to the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for hosting the Fifth Summer Academy and to the sponsors, including the Edmund-Siemers-Stiftung, the German Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development, INCE & CO International Law Firm, Lebuhn & Puchta Rechtsanwälte, the Nippon Foundation, the German Federal Environment Agency and the Zeit-Stiftung for their material and financial support;
3. Express moreover our appreciation for the important contributions to the Summer Academy made by the employees of the International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea and received from other Institutions in particular the Hamburg Port Authority, the Bucerius Law School, Blohm & Voss and the Max Planck Institute for Comparative & International Private Law as well as the International Max Planck Research School for Maritime Affairs;

4. Strongly encourage the participants to convey the idea of the Summer Academy in our respective countries and help to promote the purposes of the International Foundation for the Law of the Sea, as declared in Article 2 of its amended Statute;

5. Further recommend the International Foundation for the Law of the Sea to expand their means of disseminating information with regard to the promotion of the Summer Academy in particular by making use of the regional networks of former participants;

6. Undertake to provide the International Foundation for the Law of the Sea with information which will assist in the dissemination of information on the Summer Academy especially as concerns those relevant private entities and public bodies within our spheres of influence;

7. Invite and encourage other stakeholders of the maritime industry to support financially the activities of the International Foundation of the Law of the Sea;

8. Call upon the International Foundation for the Law of the Sea to continue to encourage the involvement of women in the fields of marine and maritime law in order to ultimately create both a gender balanced industry and discipline which is evident at all levels;

9. Reinforce the call of the participants of the Summer Academy of 2010 for the establishment of the International Foundation for the Law of the Sea Alumni Association and strongly invite the participants to join such an association as well as the existing “Circle of Friends” of the International Foundation for the Law of the Sea and to stay connected and interact in the future, creating active and progressive linkages;

10. Emphasize the enriching character of interactive learning modules, such as the maritime delimitation workshop and the moot court oral arguments, as beneficial tools and call upon the International Foundation for the Law of the Sea to further develop the idea of participative elements within the Academy’s curriculum;

Done in Hamburg in two originals, French and English, this 19th day of August 2011. Both texts are equally authentic.