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Flag State Responsibilities
– A Need for Improved Implementation Schemes? –

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Chair: Prof. Dr. Rainer Lagoni and Prof. Dr. Doris König

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Morning  Chair:  Prof. Dr. Rainer Lagoni

09.30 – 10.00  Registration  
Coffee

10.00 – 10.15  Welcome  
Judge Dolliver Nelson  
President of ITLOS  
Prof. Dr. Doris König, Chair of IFLOS

10.15 – 10.45  Flag State Responsibilities under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea  
Judge Jean-Pierre Cot, ITLOS

10.45 – 11.00  Discussion

11.00 – 11.30  The Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme  
Capt. Ashok Mahapatra, IMO

11.30 – 12.00  Flag State Performance in the European Union  
Fotis Karamitsos, Director, European Commission

12.00 – 12.30  Discussion

12.30 – 14.00  Lunch

Afternoon  Chair:  Prof. Dr. Doris König

14.00 – 14.30  Flag State Audit – A Study on the Performance of 37 Flag States –  
Dr. Nik Winchester,  
Seafarers International Research Centre, Cardiff University

14.30 – 14.45  Discussion

14.45 – 15.15  Flag State Performance from the shipowners’ perspective  
Dr. Hans-Heinrich Nöll,  
Managing Director of German Shipowners Association

15.15 – 15.45  Final Discussion