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AN INTEGRATED MARITIME POLICY FOR THE EU AND THE NEW ROTTERDAM RULES

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On the occasion of the EU Maritime Day, the Maritime Law Association of Slovenia (MLAS) is organizing an international Round Table on the new integrated EU Maritime Policy and the Rotterdam Rules. The first part of the Round Table will be dedicated to the main achievements and aims of the holistic EU Maritime Policy with particular regard to the Mediterranean and Adriatic region while in the second part a link will be made to the new *UN Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partially by Sea (The Rotterdam Rules)* which has been adopted in December 2008 and will be open for signature from September 2009 on. The aim is to discuss the salient characteristics of the Rotterdam Rules and particularly how will they work with some particular instruments of the EU Maritime Policy, i.e. the Motorways of the Sea and Short Sea Shipping. Target audience will include maritime lawyers from Slovenia and the region, government representatives, shipping agents and ship owners, cargo owners, representatives from ports and yachts marinas, maritime universities and media. The conclusions of the round-table will also serve to assist the Slovenian Government in deciding whether to sign the Rotterdam Rules in September 2009 or not. The round-table has been included by the European Commission in the official agenda of events on the occasion of the European Maritime Day 2009.

Programme of the Round Table

Part I – An Integrated Maritime Policy for the European Union

15.30 - 15.40: **Prof. Dr. Marko Pavliha**, President, Maritime Law Association of Slovenia; Honorary Ambassador of the Blue Book on EU Maritime Policy

15.40 - 15.50: **Ass. Prof. Dr. Igor Jakomin**, State Secretary, Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Slovenia

15.50 - 16.00: **Representative of the European Commission, DG MARE**

16.00 - 16.10: **Ass. Prof. Dr. Elen Twrdy**, Dean, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation

16.10 - 16.20: **Capt. Valter Kobeja**, President, Propeller Club – Port of Koper

Coffee Break

Part II – The New Carriage of Goods by Sea Legal Regime: The Rotterdam Rules

16.50 - 17.05: **Dr. Gretjan van Der Ziel**, Comité Maritime International

17.05 - 17.20: **Representative of the Italian Maritime Law Association**

17.20 – 17.35: **Representative of the Croatian Maritime Law Association**

17.35- 17.50: **Jana Rodica**, Maritime Law Association of Slovenia

17.50- 18.10: **Discussion and Conclusions**

Reception