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One day conference

**CHECKPOINT MALTA:
IN PURSUIT OF OPENING SKIES**

On the occasion of the international air law moot court

Organised by the Ministry for Tourism of Malta and the International Institute of Air and Space Law (IIASL) of Leiden University, the Netherlands, in cooperation with LUISS University, Rome, the University of Malta, the Ministry for Finance, Transport Malta and Ganado Advocates

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To be held on **6 April 2017** in the Aula Magna, Valletta Campus

Aula Magna

Valletta Campus, Old University Building,

St Paul's Street,

Valletta

Programme

09.00 – 09.45 Registration

09:45 – 10:00 Welcome by Hon. Dr. Edward Zammit Lewis, Minister for Tourism (Responsible for Aviation), Malta

10.00 – 10.15 OPENING SESSION

- *Professor Alfred Vella*, Rector of the University of Malta
- *Professor Laurens Jan Brinkhorst*, Chairman, IIASL, Leiden University, and former vice Prime Minister of the Netherlands

Panel Session I

10.15-11.30 OPEN SKIES – IN PURSUIT OF TRADE IN AIR SERVICES

Chair: *Mr. Nigel J. Dunkerley*, Flight Inspector within the Civil Aviation Directorate of Transport, Malta

- *Ms. Julie Oettinger*, Director Europe for Delta International Airlines, The Hague, The Netherlands
- *Mr. Rajesh Singh*, Air Transport Counsellor, Former Joint Secretary, Civil Aviation, Government of India
- *Professor Regula Dettling-Ott*, Institute of European and International Economic Law, University of Bern, Switzerland
- *Professor Brian Havel*, DePaul University, Chicago, United States
- *Mr. Fathi Atti*, Vice President Aeropolitical Affairs Qatar Airways, Doha, Qatar
- *José Ignacio Garcia Arboleda*, Partner, Garcíarboleda Abogados Law firm, Bogotá, Colombia

Questions from the Audience

11.30 – 11.45 COFFEE BREAK

Panel Session II

11.45 – 12.30 AIR PASSENGER RIGHTS: LEGALITY VERSUS PRACTICABILITY

Chair: *Dr. Katja Brecke*, Salary Partner, Arnecke Sibeth, Frankfurt, Germany

- *Dr. Nadia Giordimaina* General Manager International Affairs, Air Malta, Malta
- *Dr. Peter Urwantschky*, Partner, Urwantschky Dangel Borst Law Firm, Ulm, Germany
- *Ms. Odette Vella*, Office for Consumer Affairs, Malta

Questions from the Audience

12.45 – 13.45 LUNCH

Panel Session III

12:30 - 13:15

SURVEILLANCE OF THE SEAS THROUGH THE AIR: THE ROLE OF DRONES

Chair: *Dr. Kenneth Chircop*, CEO Malta Air Traffic Services

- *Mr. Nigel J. Dunkerley*, Flight Inspector within the Civil Aviation Directorate of Transport, Malta
- *Mr. Alan Meneghetti*, Locke Lord Law Firm, London (UK)
- *Mr. Joe Sultana*, Director Network Manager Eurocontrol, Belgium
- *Mr. Fernando Fiallos*, Head, International Relations with the US, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Quito, Ecuador

Questions from the Audience

Panel Session IV

14.15 - 15.15

FINANCING AVIATION: WHERE ARE THE LOOPHOLES?

Chair: *Prof Laura Pierallini*, Professor of Law, LUISS University, Rome, Managing Partner, Pierallini law offices, Rome, Italy

- *Dr Daniel Aquilina*, Partner Ganado Advocates, Malta
- *Mr Carlos Sierra*, Partner Abogados Sierra, S.C., Mexico
- *Ms. Catherine Erkelens*, Partner Erkelens Law, Brussels, Belgium
- *Dr. Donal Hanley*, Vice President, Aviation Capital Group, Dublin, Ireland
- *Mr. Alfonso Plana*, Partner, CMC Abogados, Bogota, Colombia
- *Mr Nitin Sarin*, Managing Partner, M/s Sarin & Co, India

Questions from the Audience

Panel Session V

15.15 - 15.45

A PASSAGE TO SAFER SKIES

Chair: *Prof. Anna Masutti*, University of Bologna, Partner LS - Lexjus Sinacta law offices, Italy

- *Mr. Jiefang Huang*, Senior Legal Officer, ICAO, Canada
- *Ms. Mildred Troegeler*, Director Technical & Regulatory Affairs, The Boeing Company, Brussels, Belgium

Questions from the Audience

15.45-16.00 CLOSING REMARKS

- *Professor Enzo Moavero Milanesi*, Director of LUISS School of Law, EU Law Professor, former Minister of European Affairs in Italy
- *His Excellency Mr. Joop Nijssen*, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Malta

16:15 COFFEE BREAK AND RAFFLE