



STATEMENTS OF JAMES ROBINSON – PRESIDENT OF THE NATUTICAL INSTITUTE

As Chairman of Session 2.

“The NI continued to support the position of IFSMA and other like-minded organisations in relation to the criminalisation of seafarers and that if mariners are being vilified in the press the NI position is local mariners organisations should issue press statements advocating a speedy investigation and the completion of the legal process before ill judged comments are made or printed.”

From the Floor.

“Under existing rules of engagement, international navies could only try to contain the symptoms of the problem which manifested themselves at sea. The cause of the problem was a political one ashore which was a matter for the international community.