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On Migration By Sea

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Rescue at Sea

- a Legal and Traditional Obligation

- Merchant Ships are 'First Responders'
- Coastal States have international legal obligations for Search & Rescue



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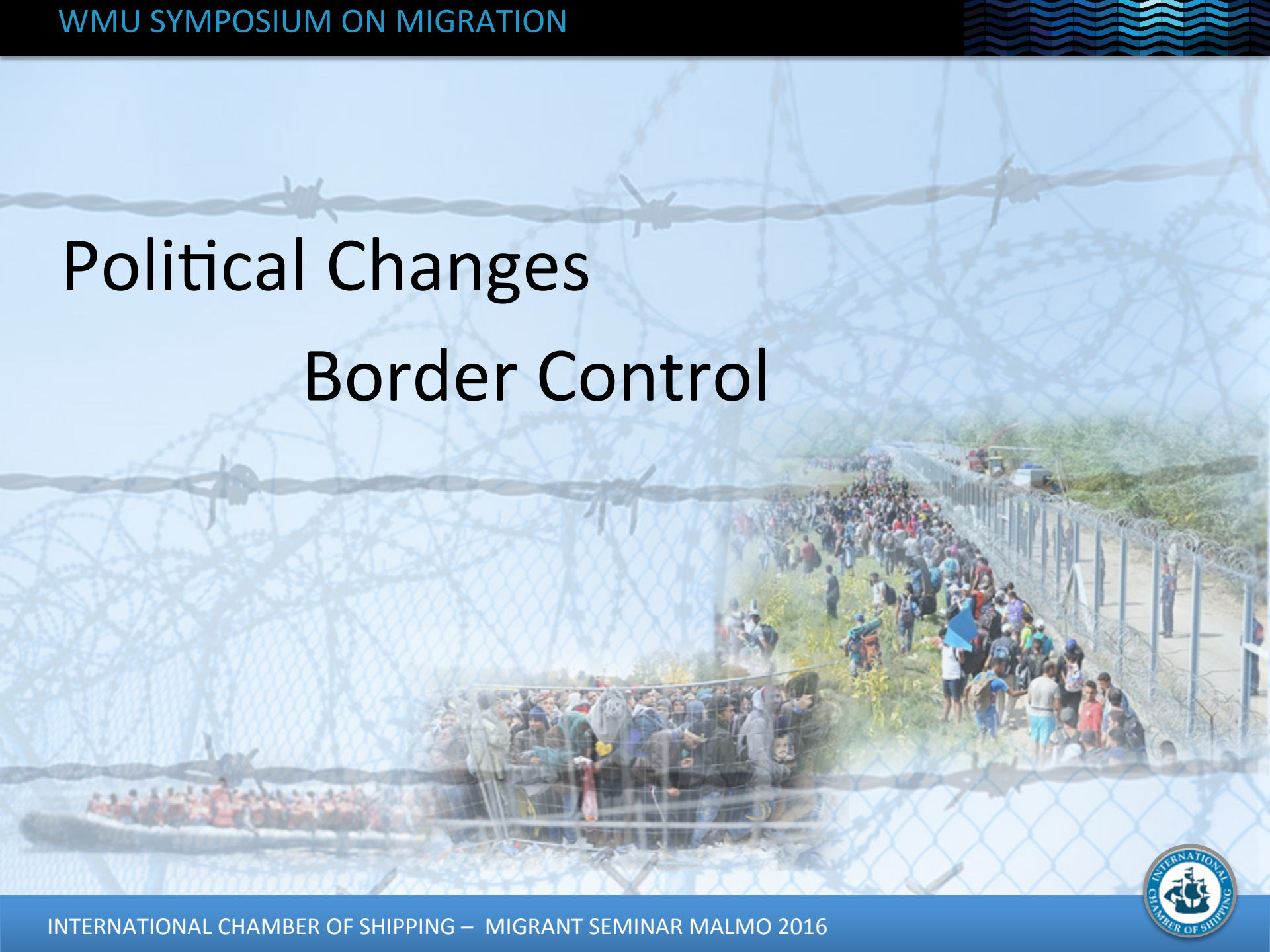
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Political Changes Border Control







Massimo Sestini—Polaris







EP Report

- *'... robust and effective Union response in Search and Rescue is crucial to preventing escalating death toll ...*
- *'... believes that merchant shipping should not provide an option in lieu of Member States fulfilling their obligations in terms of search and rescue.'*



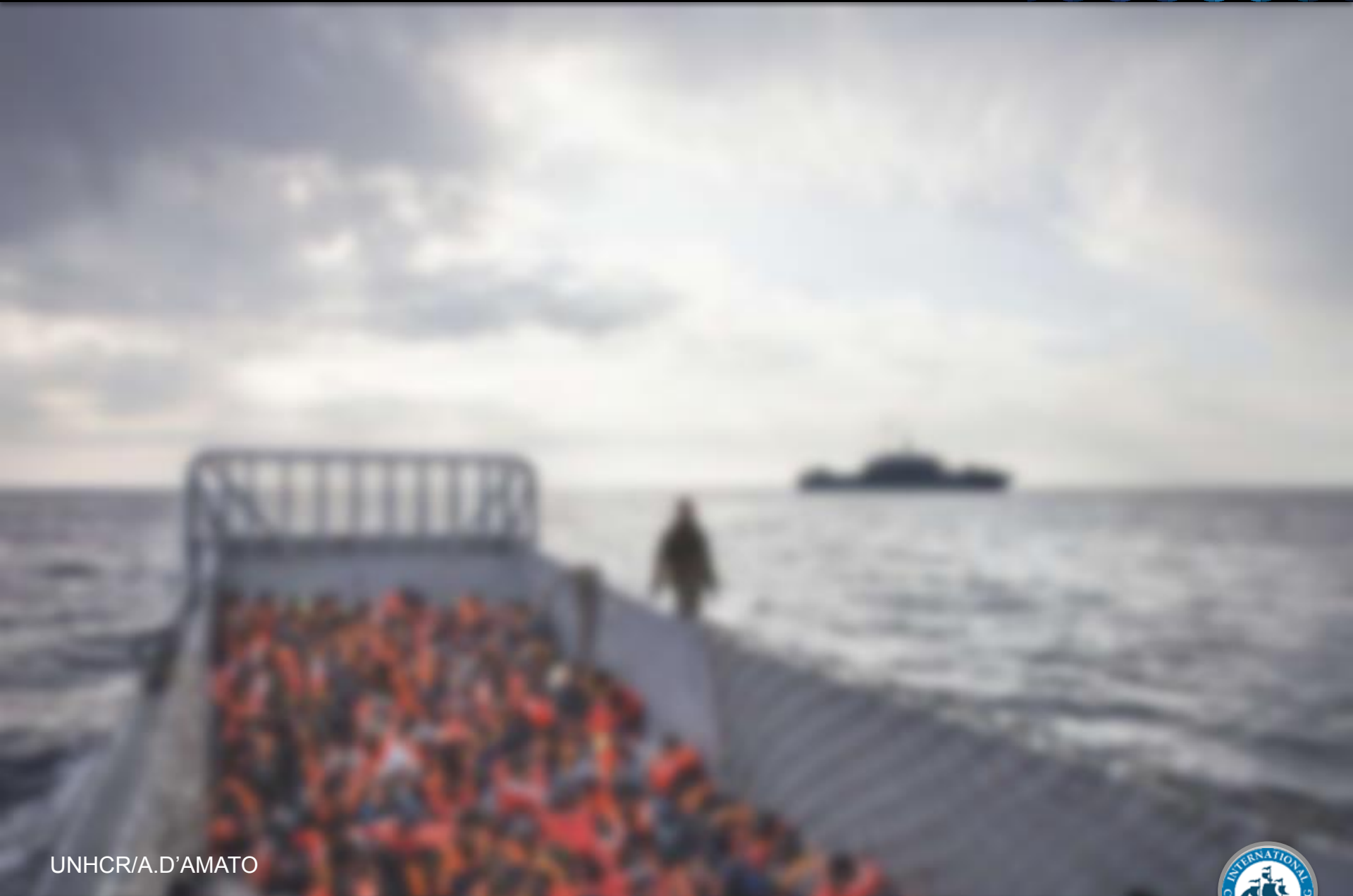


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