

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1369/04  
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to the Council

Subject:           The International Maritime Organisation and flags of convenience

The current make-up and powers of the IMO, and its lack of binding instruments wherewith to make the conventions adopted binding, mean flag of convenience countries get away with ratifying barely half of the conventions signed, and even then, fail really to apply those which they have ratified.

What proposals does the Council intend to put forward on the IMO with a view to changing this grave - and in international transport safety terms, extremely negative - state of affairs?