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**Le Regole di Rotterdam: quale esito?**

***The Rotterdam Rules: what will be the Outcome?***

*The international maritime community has to face four international legal instruments that rule the maritime transport: The Hague Visby Rules, the Hamburg Rules, the Rotterdam Rules and the Convention on Combined Transport. The advantages and disadvantages of these four different Conventions are well known and each State will decide which is the most consistent in order to better meet its national needs and interests. In any event, unification is a shared value over the national interest. Uniformity is, at long term, the best tool to develop the world economy, help the developing countries and avoid conflicts among the people. As a consequence of all the above, in my opinion, it is irrelevant which of these four Conventions on maritime transport should be the most relevant and convenience to achieve uniformity. And, last but not least, the Rotterdam Rules does contribute little to the uniformity taking into account the complexity of the wording and the fact that it will get into force when only 20 States ratify the Convention, considering that more than 200 are the countries involved in the world community. Are these two elements in favour of the required consensus to achieve uniformity?*