

**Proposal**  
**Changes of the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Committee on Ports**

Rules of Procedure	Proposal	Comments
<p><b>Article 56</b>            1. The Executive Board shall comprise 15 member states elected during a regular meeting of the Committee. They shall serve until the next regular meeting, scheduled to take place four years later.</p>	<p><b>Article 56</b>            1. The Executive Board shall comprise 15 member states elected during a regular meeting of the Committee. <i>They shall serve until the next regular meeting scheduled to take place two years later. The Executive Board can be reelected totally or partially.</i></p>	<p>To reduce the duration period of the Executive Board from four to two years.</p>
<p><b>Article 70</b>  <b>B. Associate Members</b>            1. Those port administration and operating entities; academic, scientific, commercial, development, financial, and industrial institutions; and other organizations related to port-sector activities that have legal standing may participate in the TAGs as associate members, with the approval of the member state where the entity, institution, or organization has been incorporated or has its main office. Each member state shall notify the Chair of a TAG in writing of the names of the entities, institutions, or organizations it has approved for associate membership. An entity, institution, or organization shall cease to be an associate member in the event that the approval is withdrawn by the corresponding member state.</p>	<p><b>Article 70</b>  <b>B. Associate Members</b>            1. Those port administration and operating entities; academic, scientific, commercial, development, financial, and industrial institutions; and other organizations related to port-sector activities that have legal standing may participate in the TAGs as associate members, with the <i>explicit</i> approval of the member state where the entity, institution, or organization has been incorporated or has its main office. <i>The approval can be given in tacit form if the member state has not made a decision on the mentioned solicitation after thirty days.</i> Each member state shall notify the Chair of a TAG, in writing, of the names of the entities, institutions, or organizations it has approved for associate membership. An entity, institution, or organization <i>who has been given tacit or expressed approval</i> shall cease to be an associate member in the event that the approval is withdrawn by the corresponding member state.</p>	<p>To facilitate the admission procedures of an associate member into a TAG through an explicit or tacit approval by its respective member state.</p>
<p><b>Article 84</b>            2. The General Secretariat shall establish and administer the Special Port Program Specific Fund with contributions primarily from port authorities. The Emergency Port Program Specific Fund which was established by the Inter-American Port and Harbor Conference, shall remain in operation.</p>	<p><b>Article 84</b>            2. The General Secretariat shall establish and administer the Special Port Program Specific Fund with contributions primarily coming from port authorities. <i>The contribution to the mentioned Program is obligatory for each member state. The Executive Board can limit the benefits from Projects and activities financed from those resources, for member states that fail to contribute to the referred Program.</i> The Emergency Port Program Specific Fund, which was established by the Inter-American Port and Harbor Conference, shall remain in operation.</p>	<p>To define the obligation of the port authorities of the member states in contributing to the Special Port Program; and to empower the Executive Board to limit the benefits received from projects and activities to those member states failing to contribute to them.</p>