

**ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES  
Inter-American Committee on Ports**

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**REPORT**

**STATUS OF THE AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION AND MUTUAL  
ASSISTANCE AMONG INTER-AMERICAN PORT AUTHORITIES**

The Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States adopted the text of the Agreement on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance among Inter-American Port Authorities, by way of resolution CIDI/CIP/RES. 19 (II-01), at its second regular meeting, held in San José, Costa Rica, in September 2001.

Pursuant to Articles 11 and 12 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, the Agreement provides that the OAS member states may consent to be bound by the Agreement exclusively by its signature. The following member states, through their officials indicated below, have done so:

In San José, Costa Rica, on the occasion of the second meeting of the CIP, September 2001:

1. Antigua and Barbuda: Mr. Raphael Benjamin, Port Manager, Port Authority;
2. Colombia: Mr. Carlos José González España, Director General of Maritime Transport and Ports, Ministry of Transportation;
3. Costa Rica: Mr. Guillermo Ruíz, President of the Costa Rican Institute of Pacific Ports (INCOP);
4. Peru: Mr. Fernando Rojas Samanez, Ambassador of the Republic of Peru to Costa Rica;
5. Suriname: Mr. John A. Defares, Managing Director, Port of Paramaribo; and
6. Uruguay: Dr. Mario Montemurro, Chief of International Relations, National Ports Administration.

In Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on the occasion of the third meeting of the CIP Executive Board, December 2001:

7. Argentina: Dr. Carlos Piñeiro Iñiguez, Ambassador of the Argentine Republic to the Dominican Republic;
8. Bolivia: Mr. Roger Longaric, Director, Port Services Administration;
9. Haiti: Mr. Fritz Aristyl, Director General, Port Authority of Haiti;
10. Dominican Republic: Mr. Aníbal García, Executive Director, Dominican Port Authority.

In Montevideo, Uruguay, on the occasion of the fourth meeting of the CIP Executive Board, December 2002:

11. El Salvador: Mr. Ruy César Miranda, President, Autonomous Port Executive Commission;

12. Nicaragua: Mr. Roberto Zelaya Blanco, Executive President, National Port Authority;
13. Paraguay: Mr. Gerardo Vásquez Bogado, Chair of the Board, National Navigation and Ports Administration.

To date, 13 member states have consented to be bound by the Agreement. It should be noted that the Department of Legal Services of the OAS General Secretariat identified certain deficiencies in various letters of accreditation of the member state representatives, who have been so informed to enable them to submit the necessary corrections.

Article 21 of the Agreement establishes that each OAS member state may decide to become a party by means of (a) signature, not subject to ratification, acceptance, or approval; (b) signature, subject to ratification, acceptance, or approval; and (c) accession. Ratification, acceptance, approval, or accession shall take place by the deposit of the corresponding instrument with the OAS General Secretariat.

Accordingly, the member states identified above should take the necessary action to deposit the corresponding instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, as appropriate, with the OAS General Secretariat.

Lastly, the other member states are reminded that the Agreement will be open for signature at the headquarters of the OAS General Secretariat in Washington, D.C., as well as during this meeting.