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**INFORMATION ON THE  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUPS (TAG)**

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**INTRODUCTION**

The present document summarizes information of the Technical Advisory Groups (TAG) of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) including its objectives, functions, and financial information.

The Technical Advisory Groups (TAG) are organs established by the CIP of the Organization of American States (OAS), whose principle objective is to provide technical advice for the Committee on specific aspects of hemispheric port sector development. All member States of the OAS have the right to form part of an established TAG by appointing a specialist in port sector issues. In addition, port administration and operating entities, academic, scientific, business, financial, and development institutions related to port sector activities, that have legal standing, may participate in all the activities of the TAG which they are connected in as associate members, with a voice but without vote.

To date there are four TAG in operation:

- TAG on Port Operations
- TAG on Port Security
- TAG on Navigation Safety
- TAG on Environmental Port Protection

## TAG ON PORT OPERATIONS

Creation: First Meeting of the CIP, Resolution CIDI/CIP/RES. 3 (I-99), Guatemala City, Guatemala, 1999.

Purpose: To advise the Inter-American Committee on Ports on the multiple aspects of port operations (except for those directly related to port security and environmental protection, as well as the topics and functions of the other TAG established) so that port authorities will have the information and means necessary to make the best decisions to help improve the efficiency levels of port systems.

### Functions:

- (i) To compile and exchange information on port operations, which includes the use of specialized information technology systems in this area.
- (ii) To design and maintain a database with information relevant to its work.
- (iii) To identify training needs.
- (iv) To prepare specialized reports, studies, and technical documents.
- (v) To organize national and international meetings and activities on specialized topics in this area.
- (vi) To report to the Chair of the Executive Board, in writing, every six months, on the progress and results of its work.
- (vii) To prepare proposals and recommendations on policies and strategies and present them to the Inter-American Committee on Ports through the Executive Board.

Member States: Mexico (Chair), Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Jamaica, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

Associate Members: Abarloa (Mexico); Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company (United States); Compañía Marítima del Pacífico, S.A. de C.V. (Mexico); Instituto de Investigación y Desarrollo Marítimo (INDESMAR) (Peru); Internacional de Contenedores Asociados de Veracruz (ICAVE) (Mexico); Navegación Veracruzana (NAVEGA) (Mexico); OCAMAR (Venezuela); OCUPA (Mexico); Puerto de Altamira (Mexico), and Terminal Internacional del Sur (TISUR) (Peru).

### Meetings:

- First Meeting – Bridgetown, Barbados, 2000.
- Second Meeting – Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 2001.
- Third Meeting – Montevideo, Uruguay, 2002.
- Fourth Meeting – Mérida, Mexico, 2003.
- Fifth Meeting – Managua, Nicaragua, 2004.
- Sixth Meeting – Maracaibo, Venezuela, 2005.
- Seventh Meeting – Guayaquil, Ecuador, 2006.
- Eighth Meeting – Salvador, Brazil, 2007.



## APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUPS ON PORT OPERATIONS (TAGPO)

### Applicant:

Name of the company/organization/ business who wants to become an Associate Member:

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Brief description of the activities of the company/organization/business:

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Representative of the company/organization/business before the TAG:

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- Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Title: \_\_\_\_\_
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- Fax: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The membership fee for the TAG is US \$1,000 for one year and can be paid through a bank transfer or by check made to the General Secretariat OAS/CIP. The membership to the TAG will take effect the day that the OAS Treasury accredits the payment.

### Information for a bank transfer:

Name of the Bank: Bank of America  
 ABA/routing #: 0260-0959-3  
 Address of the Bank: 730 15<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005 - 1012, USA  
 Number of the Account: 20-801-25-354  
 Name of the Account: Secretaría General de la OEA  
 Please include the following: TAG, ASG-CIP/002, Award: PORTS06/02

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **TAG ON PORT SECURITY**

Creation: First Meeting of the CIP, Resolution CIDI/CIP/RES. 4 (I-99), Guatemala City, Guatemala, 1999.

Purpose: To advise the Inter-American Committee on Ports on all aspects of port security so that port authorities will have the information and means necessary to make the best decisions to significantly reduce security risks, resulting in more secure and efficient ports in the Hemisphere.

### **Functions:**

- (i) To compile and exchange information on port security, including applications of advanced technology to reduce security risks.
- (ii) To design and maintain a database with information relevant to its work.
- (iii) To recommend training programs based on the member countries' needs.
- (iv) To recommend port security guidelines.
- (v) To prepare specialized reports, studies and technical documents.
- (vi) To organize national and international meetings and activities on specialized topics in this area.
- (vii) To report to the Chair of the Executive Board, in writing, every six months, on the progress and results of its work.
- (viii) To prepare proposals and recommendations on policies and strategies and present them to the Inter-American Committee on Ports through the Executive Board.

Member States: United States (Chair), Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

Associate Members: Administración General de Puertos (Argentina); Maritime Security Council (United States); Port of Texas (United States); Stevedoring Services of America (United States); Puerto de Miami (United States); Rapiscan Security Products, Inc. (United States); IENPAC Golfo y Caribe SC (Mexico) and Programa de Seguridad Portuaria (Guatemala).

### **Meetings:**

- First Meeting – Bridgetown, Barbados, 2000.
- Second Meeting – Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 2001.
- Third Meeting – Montevideo, Uruguay, 2002.
- Fourth Meeting – Merida, Mexico, 2003.
- Fifth Meeting – Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela, 2003.
- Sixth Meeting - Managua, Nicaragua, 2004.
- Seventh Meeting– Miami, United States, 2005.
- Eighth Meeting – Maracaibo, Venezuela, 2005.
- Ninth Meeting – Guayaquil, Ecuador, 2006.
- Tenth Meeting – Salvador, Brazil, 2007.



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### Applicant:

Name of the company/organization/ business who wants to become an Associate Member:

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Brief description of the activities of the company/organization/business:

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Representative of the company/organization/business before the TAG:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### For additional information please contact the following individuals:

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## **TAG ON NAVIGATION SAFETY**

Creation: Fourth Meeting of the CIP, Resolution CIDI/CIP/RES. 56 (IV-05), Maracaibo, Venezuela, 2005.

Purpose: To advise the Inter-American Committee on Ports on matters related to navigation safety, so that port authorities may have the necessary information and means to take the best possible decisions regarding the implementation of sustainable port development.

Functions:

- (i) To compile and exchange information on navigation safety, including the use of specialized information technology systems in the area;
- (ii) To design and maintain a database with information relevant to its work;
- (iii) To identify training needs;
- (iv) To prepare specialized technical reports, studies, and documents;
- (v) To organize specialized national and international meetings and activities in its area;
- (vi) To report to the Chair of the Executive Board, every six months in writing, on the progress or results of its work; and
- (vii) To prepare proposals and recommendations for improving navigation safety and to present them to the Inter-American Committee on Ports, through the Executive Board.

Member States: Argentina (Chair), Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, United States, and Venezuela.

Associate Members: Consorcio de Gestión del Puerto de Bahía Blanca (Argentina); Hidrovía (Argentina); Mollendo Equipment Co., Inc. (United States); Norcontrol IT (Mexico); Administración General de Puertos (Argentina); and Sabik-Mobilis (United States).

Meetings:

- First Meeting – Guayaquil, Ecuador, 2006.
- Second Meeting – Salvador, Brazil, 2007.



## APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUPS ON NAVIGATION SAFETY (TAGNS)

### Applicant:

Name of the company/organization/ business who wants to become an Associate Member:

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Brief description of the activities of the company/organization/business:

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Representative of the company/organization/business before the TAG:

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- Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The membership fee for the TAG is US \$1,000 for one year and can be paid through a bank transfer or by check made to the General Secretariat OAS/CIP. The membership to the TAG will take effect the day that the OAS Treasury accredits the payment.

### Information for a bank transfer:

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 Name of the Account: Secretaría General de la OEA  
 Please include the following: TAG, ASG-CIP/002, Award: PORTS06/02

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**For additional information on the TAG, please contact the following individuals:**

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## **TAG ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

Creation: Fourth Meeting of the CIP, Resolution CIDI/CIP/RES. 57 (IV-05), Maracaibo, Venezuela, 2005.

Purpose: To advise the Inter-American Committee on Ports on matters related to environmental protection, so that port authorities may have the necessary information and means to take the best possible decisions regarding the implementation of sustainable port development.

- (i) To compile and exchange information on navigation safety, including the use of specialized information technology systems in the area;
- (ii) To design and maintain a database with information relevant to its work;
- (iii) To identify training needs;
- (iv) To prepare specialized technical reports, studies, and documents;
- (v) To organize specialized national and international meetings and activities in its area;
- (vi) To report to the Chair of the Executive Board, every six months in writing, on the progress or results of its work; and
- (vii) To prepare proposals and recommendations for improving environmental protection and to present them to the Inter-American Committee on Ports, through the Executive Board.

Member States: Venezuela (Chair), Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominica, Ecuador, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uruguay.

Associate Members: Ocean Pollution Control (Panama).

Meetings:

- First Meeting – Guayaquil, Ecuador, 2006.
- Second Meeting – Salvador, Brazil, 2007.



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**Applicant:**

Name of the company/organization/ business who wants to become an Associate Member:

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Brief description of the activities of the company/organization/business:

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Representative of the company/organization/business before the TAG:

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