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The Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS) approved the text of the “*Agreement on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance between 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.

In accordance with articles 11 and 12 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, the Agreement stipulates that the consent of a Member State to be bound by the Agreement may be expressed by signature. Thus, the following Member States, through the indicated accredited authorities, signed the Agreement:

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 Ruiz, President of the Costa Rican Institute of Pacific Ports.
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.
6. Uruguay: Dr. Mario Montemurro, Chief of International Relations, National Administration of Ports.

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

7. Argentina: Dr. Carlos Piñero Iñiguez, Ambassador of the Republic of Argentina to the Dominican Republic.
8. Bolivia: Mr. Roger Longaric, Director, Administration of Port Services.
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 Executive Board of the CIP, 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 Administration of Navigation and Ports.

In Puerto de la Cruz, Venezuela, on the occasion of the Fifth Meeting of the Executive Board of the CIP, December 2003:

14. Guatemala: Mr. Marco Antonio Mérida Zea, Executive Director, National Port Commission.

In Managua, Nicaragua, on the occasion of the Sixth Meeting of the Executive Board of the CIP, December 2004:

15. Chile: Mr. Juan Rusque Alcaíno, National Director of Port Work, Sub Secretary of Transportation.
16. Ecuador: Admiral Mario Pinto Ricaurte, Sub-Director Maritime Port, Managing Director of Merchant Marine and Ports.
17. Mexico: Mr. César P. Reyes Roel, General Coordinator of Ports and Merchant Marine, Secretary of Communication and Transportation.

In Washington D.C., United States, July 27, 2005:

18. Trinidad and Tobago, Mrs. Erva Bruno, Executive Manager, Corporate Projects Department, of the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago.

In Houston, Texas, United States, December 7, 2005:

19. Panama: Mr. Rogelio Orillac, General Director of Ports and Industries of Maritime Auxiliaries of the Maritime Authority of Panama.

To date, 19 Member States of the OAS have consented to be bound by the Agreement.

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.

To date, the following Member States have deposited the corresponding instrument of ratification of the Agreement to this General Secretariat:

- (a) Peru: Agreement ratified by the President of the Republic Mr. Alejandro Toledo, through Supreme Decree N° 012-2002-RE on January 22nd, 2002.
- (b) Argentina: Agreement ratified by the President of the Republic Mr. Néstor Kirchner, through Law No. 25.804 on December 9th, 2003.
- (c) Mexico: Agreement ratified by the President of the Republic Mr. Vicente Fox Quesada, July 19th, 2005.
- (d) Ecuador: Agreement ratified by the President of the Republic Mr. Alfredo Palacio, referring to Mr. Antonio Parra, Minister of External Relations, issued October 4th, 2005.

As such, the Agreement took effect on March 5, 2004, and ratified effects for *Peru* from May 15, 2002, for *Argentina* from March 5, 2004, for Mexico from October 23, 2005, and for *Ecuador* from December 9, 2005.

In addition, the Department of International Law of the General Secretariat of the OAS has observed that the letter of accreditation of the representatives of the following six (6) Member States must be amended for the subsequent reasons:

1. Antigua and Barbuda: The letter of accreditation presented does not specifically mention the name of the agreement, additionally; it did not mention that the document was signed on the occasion of the Second Meeting of the CIP in San Jose, Costa Rica, from September 10th to the 13th 2001.
2. Chile: The letter of accreditation presented did not mention that the Agreement was signed during the Sixth Meeting of the Executive Board of the CIP in Managua, Nicaragua, December 1 -3, 2004.
3. Colombia: The letter of accreditation presented did not grant Mr. Carlos Jose Gonzales España, General Director of Maritime and Port Transportation of the Ministry of Transportation, full powers to sign the referred to Agreement.
4. Costa Rica: The letter of accreditation presented incorrectly states the name of the Agreement.
5. Guatemala: The letter of accreditation did not grant Mr. Marco A. Merida Zea, Executive Director, National Port Commission of Guatemala, full powers to sign the referred to Agreement, additionally, the name of the Agreement was written incorrectly.
6. Paraguay: The letter of accreditation presented incorrectly states that the Agreement was adopted in the Dominican Republic, instead of Costa Rica as it should have.

Accordingly, it is necessary that these six (6) Member States make the necessary corrections and present them to the Secretary of the OAS.

Finally, the Agreement is pending ratification from the following nine (9) Member States: Bolivia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, Nicaragua, Panama, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uruguay.

Washington D.C., August 1, 2007