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The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS) and AAPA Latin America Sign Historic Memorandum of Understanding to Promote Regional Port Cooperation

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS), with the technical assistance of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) and the American Association of Port Authorities Latin America (AAPA-LATAM), formalized an important strategic alliance through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on **April 9, 2025**. This marks a milestone in collaboration for the development and efficiency of the port sector in Latin America.

This historic agreement lays the foundation for close collaboration between both organizations, enabling the implementation of joint initiatives and the exchange of knowledge and best practices in key areas for the sustainable growth of Latin American ports.

The CIP-OAS and AAPA-LATAM will work together to promote innovation, the adoption of advanced technologies, the development of resilient infrastructure, and the implementation of policies that strengthen the competitiveness and environmental sustainability of ports in the region.

"This strategic alliance with AAPA-LATAM is essential to our mission of strengthening port cooperation in the Americas," said Jorge Durán, Head of the CIP Secretariat. "We firmly believe that combining our strengths with the expertise of AAPA-LATAM will help drive more efficient, safe, and sustainable port development for the benefit of all member countries. An example of this is the AAPA LATAM-CIP Award for Excellence in the Port Industry 2025."

As for Juan Duarte, President of AAPA-LATAM, he stated: "This Memorandum of Understanding symbolizes much more than an institutional alliance; it represents the shared will to build strong cooperation bridges between organizations that share a common vision: the comprehensive development of the ports in our region. For AAPA Latin America, it is a pleasure to join forces with the OAS and its Inter-American Committee on Ports, with whom we share not only strategic objectives but also a deep commitment to the progress of regional port development. This synergy strengthens the port system of Latin America and the Caribbean, promotes the exchange of knowledge and best practices, and consolidates our alliance as a point of convergence between innovation, sustainability, and hemispheric integration."

The signing of this MoU underscores the commitment of both the CIP-OAS and AAPA-LATAM to strengthening the port sector in Latin America as a key driver of socioeconomic development. It is expected that this collaboration will generate tangible results and benefits for the Latin American port community.

About the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP): The Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) is an intergovernmental forum of the Organization of American States (OAS) that brings together port authorities from Member States to strengthen cooperation and promote the development of the port sector in the Americas.



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About the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) Latin America: The American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) Latin America is an organization that represents public port authorities and private port terminals in Latin America, promoting development, expansion, collaboration, the exchange of information, and the adoption of best practices in the regional port industry.