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LATIN AMERICA MARITIME WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between June 7th and 9th, in Roatán, Honduras, the **XIII Regular Meeting** of the Inter-American Committee on Ports took place, an event organized by the National Port Company of Honduras (ENP) and the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS).

Significantly and very relevant for both the **Latin America Maritime Women's Association (Red MAMLa)** and the **CIP-OAS**, on the last day of the meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between both institutions. Red MAMLa, represented by **Ms. Elvia Bustavino**, President of the Association, and **Ms. Kim Osborne**, Executive Secretary for Integral Development of the OAS, signed the memorandum in front of the delegations of 22 Member States of the CIP-OAS of North, Central and South America, as well as the English-speaking Caribbean.

With the formalization of this alliance, both Organizations ratified their commitment to the development of joint activities and the execution of a mutual work plan with the goal of tackling projects of interest in gender topics for the maritime, port and logistics sector, given that their collaborative work started through an exchange of memberships.

Both **Red MAMLa** and **CIP-OAS**, expressed their satisfaction in strengthening this strategic alliance where the management of initiatives in favor of the empowerment of women in the port industry will be the central pillar of activities that result from this mutual work.

Such was manifested by Ms. **Elvia Bustavino**, President of Red MAMLa, when she highlighted that *"continuing to promote the capacity building, the strengthening of human talent of the region, and working alongside the CIP-OAS in favor of the maritime, port and logistics industry is an honor for Red MAMLa."*

Mr. **Jorge Durán**, Chief of the CIP Secretariat, affirmed, *"This strategic alliance is fundamental to continue with the task of encouraging a greater participation of women in port management. Organizations like Red MAMLa are fundamental allies for the CIP, given that together, they can open new spaces and offer, not only an awareness program and courses about it, but also promote a greater and better leadership of the women in the sector."*

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