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**AGREEMENTS OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON
PORTS ON THE ELECTION OF THE AUTHORITIES OF ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND
ON THE GUIDELINES TO EXTEND ITS WORK UNTIL 2016**

(Adopted at the Closing Session, held June 20, 2014)

THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON PORTS,

HAVING SEEN:

The Declaration of Cartagena (CIDI/CIP/DEC.1 (VIII-O/13)) and the Action Plan of Cartagena: "Innovative and Competitive Ports for Sustainable Economic Development with Social Inclusion in the Americas" (CIDI/CIP/PA.1/13 (VIII-O/13)); and,

The financial reports of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) submitted by its Technical Secretariat on the status of implementation of the Special Port Program of the CIP and the budget for 2014 approved by resolution CIDI/CIP/RES. 1 (VIII-O/ 13);

CONSIDERING:

That the Summit of the Americas whose central theme was "Connecting the Americas: Partners for Prosperity" held on 14 and 15 April 2012 in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia,^{1,2/} had as one of its thematic areas the integration of the physical infrastructure of the hemisphere;

That, in that Summit, the Heads of State and Government reaffirmed that the promotion and the deepening of physical infrastructure projects at the national, sub regional and regional levels are priorities of public policies and development strategies in our countries; and,

That they expressed the importance of promoting the exchange of experiences and the involvement of the public and private sectors in programs and projects of physical infrastructure to connect and integrate the Americas;

^{1.} The Governments of Nicaragua and Ecuador consider that the reference to the Summit in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, and the appeal to strengthen the so-called "Summit of the Americas" ...

^{2.} The Republic of Ecuador enters its express reservation to references to the Sixth Summit of the Americas, held in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, on April 14 and 15, 2012, ...

CONSIDERING AS WELL:

That the CIP is a permanent hemispheric forum of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) and that its aim is to strengthen the hemispheric cooperation for the development and modernization of the port sector, with the active participation and collaboration of the private sector; and

That the forty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States, held in Asuncion, Paraguay on June 5 and 6 of this year, endorsed the Declaration of Cartagena (CIDI/CIP/DEC.1 (VIII-O/ 13)) and the Plan of Action 2014-2015 of Cartagena of the CIP, (CIDI/CIP/Pa.1/13 (VIII-O/ 13));

RECOGNIZING:

That ports are the main nodes in the global physical network of maritime shipping, inland ports and waterways, and that it is necessary to increase in the Americas the proportion of cargo transported in this fashion and promote port development in order to provide greater opportunities for employment for our populations;

That the expansion of the Panama Canal will facilitate an increase in the capacity for larger and more frequent commercial cargo on ships of increasing size, and ports in the Americas must prepare for the increase of regional and world trade; and,

That the modernization of the port system will result in the growth and competitiveness of the economies of the Americas and that Member States reaffirm their commitment to continue with the modernizing the CIP and with practices according to their needs;

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION:

That the Plan of Action 2014-2015 of Cartagena is the roadmap for the activities of the members of the CIP for the promotion of port development, and that it must be extended until the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the CIP scheduled for 2016;

That the operating budget of the CIP is based on income from contributions of the port authorities of the Member States and Associate Members and will be the main source of financing for cooperative activities for the development of the port sector of the hemisphere;

That Article 56 of the Resolution [CIDI/CIP/RES. 111 (VII-12)] provides that the Executive Committee of the CIP (CECIP) shall be composed of a Chair, two Vice-Chairs, and the Chairs of the Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs), all of whom shall be elected by the Member States during a regular meeting of the Committee and shall serve for two years, such that this meeting will include elections for the CECIP authorities for the period 2014-2016;

That articles 67, 68 and 69 of the Rules of Procedure of the CIP provide for the establishment of the TAGs with the goal of providing technical advice to the Committee on specific aspects of hemispheric port sector development; and,

That the Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) was held at OAS headquarters, in Washington, D.C., on 19 and 20 of June of 2014,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank and approve the report “Status of the Special Port Program 2013-2014” (CIDI/CIP/Doc.10/14), presented by the Technical Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) which includes the activities carried out during the first quarter of 2014 as well as the Draft Work Plan of the Executive Committee of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CECIP) and the Work Plans of the Technical Advisory Groups (TAGS), for the year 2014-2015 (CIDI/CIP/Doc.12/14). To support the tasks described therein, approve the budget of the CIP for the amount of US\$299,700.00 for the year 2015, contained in the document (CIDI/CIP/Doc.11/14).

2. To extend the period of the Action Plan of Cartagena (2014-2015) through the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the CIP scheduled for 2016. In this respect to seek to consolidate the port dialogue for the promotion of competitiveness in the sector through the six TAGs of this Committee: (i) Logistics, Innovation and Competitiveness; (ii) Port Management and Sustainable Environmental Protection; (iii) Port Security and Safety; (iv) Public Policies, Legislation and Regulation; (v) Tourism, Interior Ports and Waterways, Services to Ships and Navigation Control; and (vi) Corporate Social Responsibility and Women in Ports.

3. To maintain the six TAGs of the CIP approved in the Action Plan of Cartagena, and extend the period of their authorities until the next Regular Meeting of the CIP and instruct them to continue implementing the work program of the CECIP.

4. To instruct the Technical Secretariat of the CIP, in accordance with the Action Plan of Cartagena, and in consultation with the CECIP, to prepare a draft Work Plan for the CECIP that incorporates activities it plans to carry out through December of 2016, and submit it to the consideration of the CECIP not later than August 20, 2015.

5. To instruct the CECIP to meet prior to the September 20, 2015 with to the purpose of reviewing and approving, ad referendum on the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the CIP, the draft Work Plan of the CECIP and the budget of the CIP for 2016 as referred to in the preceding paragraph.

6. To urge the port authorities of the Member States, in accordance with the internal procedures, to make their contributions to the Special Port Program of the CIP in the first months of 2015 and 2016, with special emphasis on those that have outstanding payments.

7. In compliance with Article 82 of the Rules of Procedure of the CIP, the Executive Board may limit the benefits from projects and activities financed from those resources to member States that fail to contribute to the Special Port Program to the CIP.

8. To maintain the annual contribution of the port authorities of the Member States for the years 2015 and 2016 to the Special Port Program of the CIP at US\$6,000, and to instruct the CECIP to assess the increase this contribution and submit its recommendations at the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the CIP, scheduled for 2016.

9. To instruct the Secretariat of the CIP to collect annual contributions and use them in accordance with the approved budget of the Special Port Program of the CIP for 2014 and 2015 in paragraph 1 above, and to seek from cooperating international organizations and governments additional resources to expand the work areas or broaden the coverage of the activities and projects of the CIP.

10. To highlight the importance of the Inter-American Forum on successful experiences in Port Development and its contribution to the dissemination of successful practices in the port sector, as well as the execution of the first activities of cooperation and technical assistance that arose as a result of the First Forum held in the city of Cartagena, Colombia in 2013. In this regard, to recognize the work carried out by the Technical Secretariat of the CIP to promote cooperation activities and timely technical assistance among Member States, as well as its dissemination among other complementary sectors, such as was done in 2013 under the Americas Competitiveness Forum and the Inter-American Network for Competitiveness.

11. To instruct the Technical Secretariat of the CIP, to continue promoting cooperation among the port authorities in the Americas to identify and capitalize on opportunities for greater coordination and collaboration of the CIP with other sectoral forums within the framework of the OAS, considering activities in maritime and inland ports and waterways.

12. To congratulate the institutions from Canada, Chile, Colombia, the United States and Uruguay that were selected as winners of the First Maritime Award of the Americas, presented in the framework of the IX Ordinary Meeting of the CIP and the Inter-American Forum on Successful Experiences in Port Development and recognize the quality, excellence, innovation and sustainability of the practices presented in the maritime and port industries, as well as the willingness of the winning institutions to share their practice with members of the CIP. In this respect, we request the Secretariat to continue with the organization of new editions of the Award with the aim of promoting the exchange of practices and promote new models for technical assistance to the members of the CIP.

13. To congratulate the delegations of Uruguay, Barbados and Colombia elected as Chair, First and Second Vice-Chairs of the CECIP, respectively, for the period 2014-2016. Additionally, thank outgoing delegations from Peru, Colombia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, outgoing authorities, for their leadership and contributions to the Executive Committee.

14. To urge the delegation of Uruguay, Chair of the CECIP, that as soon as possible and in accordance with article 62 of the CIP Rules of Procedure, organize and provide the necessary resources to the office of the Chair, in order to comply fully with the duties and functions of the Executive Board and to inform the CIP Secretariat accordingly.

15. To thank the delegation of Barbados for bringing to the attention of this Committee the need to deepen the dialogue and cooperation in the field of maritime and port security in the Caribbean and to instruct the TAG on Safety and Security to create as soon as possible a Working Group in this area. The TAG should take into consideration the work of other OAS bodies and create synergies in order to avoid duplication of efforts.

16. To express its appreciation to the representatives of the Permanent Observers, international agencies, companies, experts and special guests for their financial and in-kind

contributions for the success of this meeting and the work of the CIP, and invite them to continue to participate in its activities.

17. To highlight the professionalism of the Secretariat of the CIP and express our thanks for its valuable contributions and continued support for the implementation of the Work Plan of the CECIP.

18. To welcome the offer of the Government of Uruguay to be host of the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the CIP in 2016, and urge the highest port authorities of the Member States of the OAS to participate the meeting as well as to promote the active participation of the associate members of the CIP and Permanent Observers, international agencies, companies, experts and special guests.

19. To request that the CECIP, with the support of the Secretariat of the CIP, report in the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the CIP on the implementation of this resolution. The implementation of the activities considered in this resolution shall be subject to the availability of financial resources in the program-budget of the Organization, of the funds that it may assign to the CIP and other resources.

FOOTNOTES

1. ... are inappropriate, in that during that event, the Heads of State and Government were unable to consider or adopt the Political Declaration, which reflected the common will of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean for the sister republic of Cuba to participate unconditionally and on a footing of sovereign equality. We reaffirm that a “Summit of the Americas” cannot be held without the presence of Cuba. The mandates and operative paragraphs on the core themes were part of the Political Declaration and as the latter were not adopted, nor were the former. For that reason, Nicaragua and Ecuador disagree with making references to these documents and mandates, which were not adopted.

2 ... without prejudice to the contents approved by Ecuador in other negotiation contexts, as appropriate.