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The projects and activities implemented by the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) throughout January 2012 and until July 2013 are consistent with the Lima Action Plan 2012-2013, adopted by the Committee at its VII meeting (Lima, Peru, 2012).

These activities contributed to fulfilling the four main objectives of the CIP, which are to: (1) strengthen inter-American port dialogue; (2) train port sector personnel on modern port industry techniques; (3) provide direct technical assistance for the implementation of port improvement and modernization projects; and (4) disseminate information and promote the ports of the Hemisphere.

1. Strengthen inter-American port dialogue: The activities of the Secretariat of the CIP in this area were as follows:

- i. XIII Meeting of the Executive Committee of the CIP (CECIP) (March 14, 2012), in Lima, Peru, in conjunction with the *Autoridad Portuaria Nacional* (APN) [National Port Authority] of Peru. Delegations from 13 member states of the CECIP took part: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela. The following member states of the CIP were also in attendance: Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, as well as Spain, as a Permanent Observer to the OAS; the representative of the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC) USA; and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), of the United Nations.
- ii. III Third Hemispheric Conference on Environmental Port Management, (May 22 to 24, 2012), in Montevideo, Uruguay, in conjunction with the *Administración Nacional de Puertos* [National Port Administration] (ANP) of Uruguay, and the CIP, through its Executive Secretariat. Taking part in the Conference were 98 participants from port entities of the following member states: Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Venezuela, and Uruguay, as well as Spain, as a Permanent Observer to the OAS.
- iii. Four work sessions of the CECIP, three by videoconference (July and September 2012, and May 2013), and one attendance-based session (November 2012), in Washington, D.C. The sessions contributed to the preparation of the Work Program of the CECIP, progress in implementing the Work Plans of the Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs) of the CIP, the definition of actions to give impetus to the work of the Committee, and the generation of ongoing dialogue among the member states of the CECIP.

Both government representatives and private sector executives and specialists took part in this series of activities, and made invaluable contributions. These occasions were opportunities for analysis of CIP priority issues, deepening and strengthening ties among participants, and adopting

and recommending programs, projects, and cooperation activities to benefit the port sectors of the OAS member states.

2. ***Training:*** The main inter-American port cooperation activity carried out by the Secretariat of the CIP. Activities are designed to encourage, promote, and implement training programs to raise technical and managerial levels among port personnel to address the modernization of ports and challenges they face.

To summarize, as of July 31, 2013, nine activities had been organized (two master's programs, four courses, and three seminars), where training was provided for 317 officials and executives of the port industry of the Americas, and 86 scholarships awarded, as set out below.

- i. Seminar on Port Management, (January 31 to February 3, 2012), in Kingstown, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, organized by the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Port Authority (SVGPA) and the Secretariat of the CIP. A total of 31 port officials took part. Eleven scholarships were awarded to port officials of 11 Caribbean member states, distributed as follows: Antigua and Barbuda (1), Bahamas (1), Belize (1), Dominica (1), Grenada (1), Haiti (1), Jamaica (1), Saint Lucia (1), Saint Kitts and Nevis (1), Suriname (1), and Trinidad and Tobago (1).
- ii. XVII Ibero-American Port Management Course (October 1 to 26, 2012), in Madrid, Spain, organized by Spain's Puertos del Estado de España and the Secretariat of the CIP. Twenty scholarships were awarded to port officials of 10 member states, distributed as follows: Argentina (3), Colombia (1), Costa Rica (1), Ecuador (1), Guatemala (1), Mexico (4), Panama (2), Peru (3), Uruguay (1), Venezuela (2), and the CIP Secretariat (1).
- iii. XII Ibero-American Course on Port Technology, Operations, and Environmental Management (October 15 to November 9, 2012), in Santander, Spain, organized by Spain's Puertos del Estado de España and the Secretariat of the CIP. Fifteen scholarships were awarded to port officials of 11 member states, distributed as follows: Argentina (2), Brazil (1), Chile (2), Colombia (2), Costa Rica (1), Ecuador (1), Mexico (2), Panama (1), Peru (1), Uruguay (1), and Venezuela (1).
- iv. Master's Course on Port Management and Multimodal Transport (MGPT) (October 18, 2012 to June 28, 2013), in Valencia, Spain, organized by the Valenciaport Foundation and the Secretariat of the CIP. One scholarship was awarded to a port official of Panama, and another to a port official of Peru.
- v. Seminar on Port Statistics (November 28 and 29, 2012), in Lima, Peru, organized by the APN and the Secretariat of the CIP. Taking part were 100 port officials of the public and private sectors of the following member states: Ecuador, Mexico, Dominican Republic and Venezuela. ECLAC, the Central American Commission on Maritime Transport (COCATRAM), and the Andean Community (CAN) also took part.
- vi. Hemispheric Seminar on Public Policies and Visibility of Women in the Port Sector in the Americas (March 14 and 15, 2013), in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

One hundred and eleven port officials of the following member states took part: Brazil, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Spain, Suriname, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

- vii. XIII Ibero-American Course on Port Technology, Operations, and Environmental Management (September 16 to October 11, 2013), in Santander, Spain, organized by Spain's Puertos del Estado de España and the Secretariat of the CIP. Eighteen scholarships were awarded to port officials of 11 member states, distributed as follows: Argentina (2), Brazil (1), Bolivia (1), Chile (2), Colombia (3), Costa Rica (2), Dominican Republic (1), Ecuador (2), El Salvador (1), Mexico (1), and Peru (2).
- viii. Master's Course on Port Management and Multimodal Transport (MGPT), (October 17, 2013 to June 28, 2014), in Valencia, Spain, organized by the Valenciaport Foundation and the Secretariat of the CIP. One scholarship was awarded to a port official of Mexico, and another to a port official of Peru.
- ix. XVIII Ibero-American Port Management Course (September 30 to October 26, 2013), in Madrid, Spain, organized by Puertos del Estado de España and the Secretariat of the CIP. Eighteen scholarships were awarded to port officials of nine member states, distributed as follows: Argentina (3), Chile (1), Colombia (2), Costa Rica (3), Ecuador (1), Guatemala (1), Peru (4), Uruguay (2), and Venezuela (1).

Here mention should be made of the important ties, formed in 1993, between Spain's Puertos del Estado de España and CIP/OAS, which have been strengthened over the years and benefited both parties. The higher-level training courses, i.e., the Course on Port Technology, Operations, and Environmental Management, imparted each year in Spain, have generated a prominent contingent of port specialists in Ibero-America—some 650 executives, many of them now occupying high-level management posts in the port authorities and administrations of this Hemisphere.

3. Direct technical assistance and regional cooperation:

Direct technical assistance is designed to meet specific demands of port authorities and administrations and other entities working in the area of ports. The results of these direct technical assistance activities will be reported at the VIII Meeting of the CIP. Notable among them:

- i. Collaboration with the National Port Authority of Peru in executing the Pilot Plan on Port Statistics and Indicators.
- ii. Technical support for the Port Authority of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in updating its law on ports.
- iii. Assistance for the *Instituto Nacional de los Espacios Acuáticos* [National Institute of Aquatic Bodies] of Venezuela in developing port environmental profiles and contingency plans.
- iv. Technical support for the Superintendency of Ports of Colombia in preparing the first report on successful experiences of strengthening South-South cooperation in the port sector of the Americas.

- v. Collaboration with the *Comisión Presidencial para la Modernización y Seguridad Portuaria* [Presidential Commission for Port Modernization and Security] (CPMSP) of the Dominican Republic, among other things, in preparing the terms and conditions for the merit recognition award of women in the port sector of the Americas.

The aim of regional cooperation is to establish cooperative ties among international agencies in the maritime port sector and promote private sector participation in the activities and forums of the CIP. In that context, the Secretariat of the CIP made preparations for the signature of:

- i. A memorandum of cooperation with the Port Authority of Busan, South Korea; and
- ii. A memorandum of cooperation with the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC) USA.

Additionally, the Secretariat of the CIP signed a memorandum of cooperation with Valenciaport Foundation in Dominican Republic on March 14, 2013.

4. Dissemination and promotion of the ports of the Americas and the CIP: The Secretariat of the CIP, through the instruments mentioned below, disseminated and promoted information on the main commercial ports of the member states and the activities of the CIP:

- i. The portal of the CIP (www.oas.org/cip), containing compiled information on and characteristics of these ports and their port authorities and development projects, as well as all projects and activities carried out by the CIP.
- ii. Newsletter: Ports Weekly: an e-document distributed worldwide containing weekly information on the main activities carried out by ports and the CIP.
- iii. CIP Newsletter, an e-document distributed worldwide containing medium-term information on the main activities under way in ports and in the CIP. It also contains information on activities with other regional entities with which lines of cooperation have been established.
- iv. Consultations and replies to e-mail requests for information (cip@oas.org) on the ports of the Hemisphere and the Commission's activities. Documents, studies, reports, and other specialized technical material, produced in connection with specific work on ports of the Hemisphere and relevant port sector-related matters.
- v. In July 2012, Volume 16, and in August 2013, Volume 17 of the CIP Magazine were published. The Magazine is a highly important means of disseminating information on the CIP and the ports of the Hemisphere. Three thousand five hundred copies of the Magazine were distributed in the 34 OAS member states.