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I. Background: The CIP Executive Board (CECIP) is made up of a Chair, two Vice Chairs, and the Chairs of the Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs).

The CIP's TAGs for the 2012–2013 period are:

- TAG on Logistics, Innovation, and Competitiveness, chaired by Mexico.
- TAG on Sustainable Port Management and Environmental Protection, chaired by Venezuela.
- TAG on Port Protection and Security, chaired by the United States.
- TAG on Public Policies, Legislation, and Regulation, chaired by Uruguay.
- TAG on Tourism, Ship Services and Navigation Safety, chaired by Argentina.
- TAG on Corporate Social Responsibility and Women in Ports, chaired by the Dominican Republic.

For the 2012–2013 period, the CECIP is made up of the following countries: Peru (Chair), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (First Vice Chair), Colombia (Second Vice Chair), Argentina, Dominican Republic, Mexico, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela.

The 2012–2013 Lima Action Plan states that CECIP's work program is to be drawn up in the 90 days following the Plan's adoption, including a timetable for its implementation, based on the work plans presented by the Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs).

II. Agenda: The agenda is found in **Annex 1**.

III. Participants: The first working session, which was held by videoconference, was attended by delegations from the following CECIP member states: Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the United States, Uruguay, and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

At the headquarters of the Organization of American States (OAS) in Washington, D.C., United States, the meeting was attended by the representatives of the Permanent Missions to the OAS of Colombia, Dominican Republic, Peru, United States and Venezuela. A list of participants is attached in **Annex 2**.

IV. Proceedings: The working session was called to order at 2:00 p.m. (Washington D.C. time). It was chaired by Mr. Frank. T. Boyle, Chair of the CECIP, who welcomed the authorities of the CECIP member states and proceeded to report the following items on the agenda:

Adoption of the Agenda and Schedule (agenda item 1):

The agenda and schedule were adopted without objections.

Report on the Activities by the CIP Secretariat (agenda item 2):

The report on the activities of the CIP Secretariat is found in **Annex 3**.

With reference to the communications strategy and the status of the CIP Magazine, Mr. Carlos Mladinic, former CIP Secretary, reported on the progress made with updating the CIPnet web site and on the new designs for the CIP pamphlet and the application form for TAG associate members. He also gave details on the new weekly publication, "Ports This Week," which is distributed globally and carries news items on the main activities taking place recently both in ports and within the CIP. He also reported on the publication of the 40th edition of the CIP Newsletter, which is distributed globally and contains medium-term information on the main activities of ports and other regional agencies with which cooperative ties have been established. As for the status of the CIP Magazine, he reported on the new contract signed with the magazine's publishers and concluded by reminding the meeting that the CIP Magazine is of vital importance in disseminating information about the CIP and the ports of the Hemisphere.

He also informed that the Third Hemispheric Conference on Environmental Port Management took place on May 22 to 24, 2012, in Montevideo, Uruguay, at the Hotel Radisson-Victoria Plaza, and was organized by the National Ports Administration (ANP) of Uruguay. The Conference was attended by delegations from Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Venezuela and Uruguay; and by Spain as an OAS Observer Country. A total of 98 participants attended the Conference. He stated that the event was successful in combining the valuable participation of government representatives with executives and specialists from the private sector. Those opportunities allowed to analyze environmental topics, build and strengthen ties among participants, and to adopt and recommend programs, projects, and activities for environmental protection, to the benefit of the port sector of the OAS member states. He also noted the coverage given to the event by the domestic and international press and the significant conclusions it had reached, and he finally thanked the ANP for organizing the Conference.

He then described the CIP's training program as CIP's main activity in the area of inter-American port cooperation. The activities undertaken are intended to encourage, promote, and carry out training programs that can enhance the technical and managerial skills of port personnel in tackling modernization and the challenges facing ports. To achieve this, the Secretariat's efforts focus on three areas: organizing conferences, courses, and other events; granting scholarships to technical personnel in member states, for advanced courses and specialization seminars organized by partner institutions; and sponsoring training events organized by other institutions to encourage and facilitate participation by port personnel from member states. In connection with this, he noted the organization and promotion of the following training activities:

- 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 CIP/OAS, with support from the U.S. Coast Guard for the port security module. The organizers provided 11 scholarships for port officials from Caribbean member states. A total of 33 participants attended the event.
- XXXIV Central American Isthmus Port Meeting (REPICA), June 26 to 29, 2012, in Sonsonate, El Salvador, organized by the Maritime Port Authority (AMP) of El Salvador, COCATRAM, with the support of CIP/OAS.
- Puertos del Estado Scholarships Program for Ibero-American Port Technicians, September 14 to October 11, 2012, in Madrid, Spain. Seven scholarships were awarded.
- XVII Ibero-American Port Management Course, October 1 to 26, 2012, in Madrid, Spain, organized by Spain's Puertos del Estado and CIP/OAS. Twenty scholarships will be awarded for this activity.
- Invitation to the Master's Course on Port Management and Multimodal Transport, October 18, 2012, to June 28, 2013. Organized by the Valenciaport Foundation and CIP/OAS. Two scholarships will be awarded for this activity.

- XII Ibero-American Course on Port Technology, Operations, and Environmental Management; Santander, Spain, October 15 to November 9, 2012. Organized by Spain's Puertos del Estado and CIP/OAS. Fifteen scholarships are being offered.
- XXVI Advanced Course on Port Operations and Management, September 10 to October 12, 2012, organized by Ports de Le Havre, France, with the support of CIP/OAS.
- Seminar on Port Statistics, organized by the National Ports Authority of Peru and CIP/OAS. October 2012, date to be determined.

Regarding the strategic alliances with the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure – United States Section (PIANC-USA) and the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA), the former CIP Secretary spoke of the sponsorship and promotion of PIANC-USA's Dredging Conference, to be held on October 22 to 25 in San Diego, United States, and of the participation at the AAPA's 21st Latin American Ports Congress, held from April 9 to 12, 2012, in the city of Antigua, Guatemala.

In connection with OAS General Assembly resolution AG/RES. 2744 (XLII-O/12), dealing with the Seventh Regular Meeting of the CIP, Mr. Mladinic reported that the resolution in question was adopted at the second plenary session, held on June 4 in Cochabamba, Bolivia. Resolution AG/RES. 2744 (XLII-O/12) is attached as **Annex 4**.

Regarding the status of the CIP's Special Ports Program and the contribution of the OAS Regular Fund to CIP, the CIP's financial report for the first quarter of 2012 was presented, in which financial information is provided on the state of income and expenditures, increases, reductions, outstanding liabilities of the CIP's Special Ports Program Specific Fund, and the contribution to CIP from the OAS Regular Fund. Regarding the OAS Regular Fund, the financial report did not include the contribution of the OAS Regular Fund to CIP for 2012, which is used to cover the salary for the CIP Secretary position. This contribution has not been received and the financial resources needed to cover the CIP Secretary position are not available.

The discussion opened mainly focusing on the situation of the CIP's Special Ports Program and the OAS Regular Fund's contribution to CIP:

On this topic, Mr. Frank Boyle, CECIP Chair, noted that the financial contribution from the OAS Regular Fund to CIP is essential and necessary for the Committee to perform its mandates. In this regard, he proposed: asking the OAS Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Affairs (CAAP) for information on the situation with the OAS Regular Fund's 2012 contribution to the CIP and, at the same time, executing a contract through to December 31, 2012, to allow the former Secretary keeping his CIP position. He also said that if the matter of the CIP Secretary's position could be resolved through a competitive process, he would invite Mr. Mladinic to participate.

He also asked the CIP Secretariat to prepare a study to analyze an increase in the contributions made by the CIP member states, albeit in the expectation that the OAS funds would be received. He then turned the floor over to the CECIP representatives.

Mr. Juan José Domínguez, Vice President of Uruguay's ANP and Chair of the TAG on Public Policies, Legislation, and Regulation, congratulated Mr. Mladinic on the good results attained during his administration; he also noted his concern regarding the current situation with the contribution to the CIP from the OAS Regular Fund and said he supported the proposal made by the CECIP Chair.

On this topic, Mr. Francisco Pastrana, Director at Mexico's Secretariat of Communications and Transport and Chair of the TAG on Logistics, Innovation, and Competitiveness, said that the situation should be given priority with a view to its resolution and that the OAS should be asked to maintain its financial contribution to the CIP.

Mr. Juan Miguel Durán, CECIP Vice Chair and Superintendent of Ports and Transportation in Colombia, noted his concern at the current situation with the OAS Regular Fund's contribution to the CIP and expressed his support for the proposal put forward by the CECIP Chair.

Mr. Gregory Hall, Director, Office of International Affairs, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, and Chair of the TAG on Port Protection and Security, said that as he understood the OAS had adopted its budget for 2012, which included the contribution to the CIP, and said that emphasis should be placed on the new budget for 2013, adoption of which was imminent. He also requested that steps be taken to obtain an explanation of the current situation and, finally, he noted his delegation's support to continue the work of the position of CIP Secretary.

Place and date of the Eighth Meeting of the CIP, 2013 (agenda item 3):

Regarding the Eighth Meeting of the CIP, Mr. Juan Miguel Durán, Vice Chair of the CECIP and Superintendent of Ports and Transportation of Colombia, reported on the significant progress made at the coordination meetings between the Ministry of Transport and the authorities of the ports system in Colombia, at which technical and administrative aspects related to the meeting had been agreed on. He said that the tentative date for the Eighth Meeting of the CIP was June 19 to 21, 2013, in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.

Presentation of Work Plans for the 2012 Period by the Chairs of the Technical Advisory Groups (agenda item 4):

TAG on Logistics, Innovation, and Competitiveness (Mexico): Mr. Francisco Pastrana, Chair of the TAG, presented the Group's work plan (see **Annex 5**). He spoke first about the meeting of the Port Training Program of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) on Modern Port Management, held on June 27 to 28, 2012, in Los Cabos, Mexico. In connection with the TAG's work plan for 2012-2013, he emphasized the continued promotion of the Group in order to increase its income through the enrolment of new associate members; the continued strengthening of cooperative ties within the TAG; the continued updating of the database of experts and technical presentations; and other issues. Finally, he noted that the Second Hemispheric Conference on Logistics and Competitiveness was planned to take place in 2013.

TAG on Sustainable Port Management and Environmental Protection (Venezuela): Ms. Laura Ugarte of Venezuela's National Water Spaces Institute (INEA) reported on the progress of the work plan (see **Annex 6**). She noted the organization and good results of the Third Hemispheric Conference on Environmental Port Management (May 2012) in Montevideo, Uruguay, and the Forum on Ballast Water organized by her country in Venezuela. She also spoke of the preparation of the waste certificate (promotion of MARPOL Convention 73/78, Annex V) and of reports on port monitoring. Over the coming months, she said, emphasis would be placed on gathering information about contingency plans, environmental profiles, and greenhouse gases, and efforts would be made to promote cost-benefit analyses and mitigation measures for cabotage.

TAG on Port Protection and Security (United States): Mr. Gregory Hall, Chair of the TAG on Port Protection and Security, noted the organization of the First Working Session of the CECIP via videoconference and described the videoconferencing system as a very efficient technological

tool for holding meetings. In connection with the work plan (**see Annex 7**), he said that the web site www.safeports.org was the optimal means of communication for the TAG's work and that, in addition, different training opportunities were being sought out. He noted that the work plan arose from the CECIP meeting held in Chile in March 2011, which had set the task of developing and collecting contingency plans for natural disasters and other potential threats, through requests for information sent to member states in order to share best practices and to develop cooperation and information on hazardous materials, on responding to dangerous situations and on other issues. He reported on the discussions with the U.S. National Transport Safety Board (NTSB) to identify training opportunities. He added that the countries would continue to be asked for inputs for the activities on the TAG's work plan.

TAG on Public Policies, Legislation, and Regulation (Uruguay): Mr. Juan José Domínguez, Chair of the TAG, presented the work plan of the TAG on Public Policies, Legislation, and Regulation (**see Annex 8**). The plan involves surveying member states on topics of interest, and continuing to monitor and gather information on international agreements and compile updated legislation, with particular attention on public works services and environment, in order to create an internet-based database, on the CIP web portal, with the assistance of the Secretariat. He also spoke about the Third Hemispheric Conference on Environmental Port Management, held in Montevideo in May 2012, noting the good results of that dialogue, and he requested that the conclusions be presented to the Committee at its next meeting.

Note: The work plans of the TAG on Tourism, Ship Services, and Navigation Safety (Argentina) and the TAG on Corporate Social Responsibility and Women in Ports (Dominican Republic) are still pending.

Other Business (agenda item 5):

No other business was addressed by the meeting.

Conclusions of the CECIP and Next Steps (agenda item 6):

- To emphasize the importance of the ongoing political dialogue attained through the First Working Session of the CECIP held by videoconference, and to congratulate the CIP Secretariat on its efforts in organizing the event and on its valuable contribution to it.
- To ask the OAS Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Affairs (CAAP) for information on the situation with the contribution to the CIP from the OAS's 2012 Regular Fund and, at the same time, to propose hiring the former Secretary to maintain his CIP position.
- To follow up on the budget of the 2013 OAS Regular Fund, in that it is essential to the CIP's operations and a counterpart to the specific financial contributions.
- To ask the Chair of the TAG on Tourism, Ship Services, and Navigation Control (Argentina) and Chair of the TAG on Corporate Social Responsibility and Women in Ports (Dominican Republic) to present the corresponding work plans.
- To make progress with implementing the work plans of the CIP's TAGs, and request the Chair of each TAG to report on that progress at the Second Working Session of the CECIP, to be held by videoconference during the first week of September 2012.

Date of the Next Working Session (agenda item 7):

The proposed date is Thursday, September 6, 2012.

At 4:30 p.m. (Washington D.C. time), the videoconference was ended.

**ANNEX 1
AGENDA**

**First Working Meeting by Videoconference
Executive Board of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CECIP)**

OBJECTIVE: Presentation of work plans and information and coordination of progress made under the 2012-2013 Lima Action Plan.

1. Adoption of final agenda and schedule
2. Report of activities of the CIP Secretariat in the following areas:
 - a. Communications strategy and status of the CIP Magazine
 - b. Third Hemispheric Conference on Environmental Port Management, organized by the CIP and the National Ports Administration (ANP) (May 22 to 24, in Montevideo, Uruguay)
 - c. Technical training: Seminar on Port Management (January 31 to February 3, in Kingstown, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines), XXXIV Central American Isthmus Port Meeting (REPICA) (June 26 to 29, in Sonsonate, El Salvador), and invitations to the Master's Course on Port Management and Multimodal Transport (October 18, 2012, to June 28, 2013), XVII Ibero-American Port Management Course (October 1 to 26, in Madrid, Spain), Puertos del Estado Scholarships Program for Ibero-American Port Technicians (September 14 to October 11, in Madrid, Spain), and XXVI Advanced Course on Port Operations and Management (September 10 to October 12, in Le Havre, France)
 - d. Strategic alliances: World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure – United States Section (PIANC-USA) and the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA)
 - e. OAS General Assembly resolution AG/RES. 2744 (XLII-O/12) on the Seventh Regular Meeting of the CIP (adopted at the second plenary session on June 4 in Cochabamba, Bolivia)
 - f. Status of the CIP's Special Ports Program in the first quarter of 2012
3. Place and date of the Eighth Meeting of the CIP, 2013, announced by the Representative of Colombia and Second Vice Chair of the CECIP
4. Presentation of Work Plans for the 2012 Period by the Chairs of the Technical Advisory Groups (TAG):
 - a. TAG on Logistics, Innovation and Competitiveness (Mexico)
 - b. TAG on Sustainable Port Management and Environmental Protection (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)
 - c. TAG on Port Protection and Security (United States)
 - d. TAG on Public Policies, Legislation and Regulation (Uruguay)
 - e. TAG on Tourism, Ship Services, and Navigation Safety (Argentina)
 - f. TAG on Corporate Social Responsibility and Women in Ports (Dominican Republic)
5. Other issues
6. Conclusions and next steps
7. Date of the next working session

**ANNEX 2
LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

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ANNEX 3
REPORT OF THE CIP SECRETARIAT

See attached.

ANNEX 4
RESOLUTION AG/RES. 2744 (XLII-O/12)

SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON PORTS

(Adopted at the second plenary session, held on June 4, 2012)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the resolutions of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) and of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) on the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP), including resolutions CIDI/RES. 257 (XVI-O/11); AG/RES. 2648 (XLI-O/11), “Improving Transparency and Effectiveness of the Inter-American Committee on Ports” and CIDI/RES. 266 (XVII-O/12), “Seventh Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Ports”;

CONSIDERING that, at its seventh regular meeting, held in Lima, Peru, in March 2012, the CIP approved the Declaration and Plan of Action of Lima, as well as various resolutions containing guidelines for improving the functioning of the Committee;

CONSIDERING ALSO:

That Articles 5 (e) and 87 of the Rules of Procedure of the CIP empower the Committee to propose amendments to its Rules of Procedure; and

That, in resolution CIDI/CIP/RES. 120 (VII-12), the CIP recommended to CIDI various amendments to the Committee’s Rules of Procedure, with the aim of improving its functioning,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Declaration and Plan of Action of Lima, CIDI/CIP/DEC. 1 (VII-12) and CIDI/CIP/RES. 117 (VII-12) respectively, and of the resolutions adopted at the seventh regular meeting of the CIP.
2. To accept the amendments made by CIDI to the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Committee on Ports in resolution CIDI/RES. 266 (XVII-O/12).
3. To request the CIP Secretariat to continue presenting its quarterly financial reports to CEPCIDI.
4. To thank the Government of Peru and the National Port Authority (APN) for their successful conduct of the seventh regular meeting of the CIP, and to thank the CIP Secretariat for its valuable contributions to the event.
5. To request CIDI to report to the General Assembly, at its forty-third regular session, on the implementation of this resolution. The execution of the activities foreseen in this resolution shall be subject to the availability of financial resources in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources.

ANNEX 5
WORK PLAN 2012-2013
TAG ON LOGISTICS, INNOVATION AND COMPETITIVENESS

(Document presented by the delegation of Mexico)

Articles 68 and 69 of the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) provide for the creation of the TAGs, which objectives include providing the Committee with technical advice on specific matters related to the development of the Hemisphere's port sector.

At the 2012 meeting in Lima, it was agreed that the TAG on Logistics and Competitiveness created by resolution CIDI/CIP/RES. 77 (V-07) would be converted into the TAG on Logistics, Innovation and Competitiveness, maintaining its basic objectives including, for the optimal functioning of the CIP, encouraging private-sector participation for strengthened hemispheric port cooperation.

The membership of this TAG on Logistics, Competitiveness, and Innovation is structured as follows:

Chair: Mexico

Member countries: Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Peru, and Uruguay.

At its most recent meeting, held in March 2011 in Viña de Mar, Chile, this TAG had the following associate members:

- Asociación de Despachantes de Aduana (Uruguay)
- Asociación de Terminales y Operadores Portuarios, A.C. (Mexico)
- Compañía Marítima del Pacífico (México)
- Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company (United States)
- Halcrow, Inc. (United States)
- Instituto de Investigación y Desarrollo Marítimo – INDESMAR (Peru)
- Internacional de Contenedores Asociados de Veracruz – ICAVE (Mexico)
- OCUPA, S.A. de C.V. (Mexico)
- Port of Miami (United States)
- Terminal Internacional del Sur, S.A. – TISUR (Peru)

Of the funding generated by the contributions made by the associate members of this TAG, there is an approximate balance of US\$50,000.

Work Plan and Activities for 2012 and 2013

The report on the activities carried out during 2011 by the TAG on Logistics and Competitiveness was presented at the 13th meeting of the CIP Executive Board (CECIP), held in Lima, Peru. On that opportunity a report was given on the organization, proceedings, and results of the Conference on Cabotage and Short-Distance Maritime Transport, held in September 2011 in the port and city of Campeche, Mexico.

In addressing the Work Program for the current year, the regular meetings of the Group on Logistics, Competitiveness and Innovation chaired by the delegation of Mexico will focus their efforts on the following issues:

- Continue promoting the Group to increase the number of associate members, along with the payment of the corresponding quotas.
- Continue strengthening cooperative ties and coordination between the Group Chair, the member states and the associate members, in order to attain the goals set.
- Set up a web page to serve as a link for both the member countries and associate members.
- Update the database with information on the representatives of the member countries and associate members and, particularly, the experts in each specialty.
- Strengthen the relevant actions to produce an informational outreach document, containing objectives, achievements, and work plan.
- The activity to be prioritized this year is the consolidation of information on logistics and competitiveness, both from technical presentations made at previous meetings of the Technical Advisory Group on Logistics and Competitiveness and that information identified as useful over the year for consumption and use by the members of this group.
- To house all the technical information available, the Group's web page will be launched, including a link to the web site of the Inter-American Committee on Ports. This activity had been proposed in previous programs but it had not been feasible due to the lack of compatibility on administrative topics; this issue will be addressed in order to avoid a reoccurrence of those recent problems.
- A communications strategy with the associate members and member countries of the Executive Board will be developed, so they can receive the information referred to in item one and, in addition, contribute other information they deem to be useful.
- Plans exist to hold the second hemispheric meeting on logistics and competitiveness; however, it is possible that because of dates affecting the current government administration, it may be scheduled for 2013.

ANNEX 6
2012-2013 WORK PLAN
TAG ON SUSTAINABLE PORT MANAGEMENT
AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

1. To promote compliance in all ports of the Americas with the guidelines established by the MARPOL 73/78 Convention, specifically Annex V Rules for Prevention of pollution by sewage from ships.
2. To share technical information on best practices in activities for the Control and Management of Ballast Water and Sediments from Vessels. The PIANC (USA), Brazil through the pertinent specialized institutes and the Argentinean Prefecture will support this activity by contributing information about their experiences on this matter.
3. To continue insisting on a survey of the necessary information in order to determine the Member States' Environmental Port Profiles and Contingency Port Plans in the event of hydrocarbon and pollutant spills.
4. To promote environmental sustainability through a reduction of greenhouse gases and other toxic emissions in the region's ports. As proposed at the London meeting of the IMO Marine Environmental Protection Committee held from February 27 to March 2, 2012, it has been decided to continue studying the influence of MARPOL 73/78 Annex VI in port areas. As established at this Lima CECIP meeting, it has been resolved to establish links with technical institutions that have a recognized expertise on specific port issues. The PIANC will provide institutional support on matters of atmospheric pollution and greenhouse gas effects on ports.
5. In keeping with the conclusions of the Conference on Cabotage, held in Campeche, Mexico, evaluation of the impact of port environmental regulations and requirements using cost-benefit analysis to the extent practicable will be promoted. This will make it possible to quantify the negative and positive effects of mitigation measures under consideration.
6. To hold the Third Hemispheric Conference on Environmental Port Management in Montevideo (Uruguay) on May 22 to 24. All of the Member Countries of this TAG are invited to participate. The Committee suggests studying the possibility of offering a short course on environmental port themes that are prioritized, on the day before the Conference is to be held, in order to take advantage of the expertise of the participating instructors.
7. With the support of the Puertos del Estado of Spain, to hold a course on port technology, operations and environmental management, for which a maximum of 20 scholarships will be offered.
8. To request other institutions and organizations specialized in environmental port issues to offer personal or online courses on those subjects, which should be financed jointly by the parties interested in offering those courses and those attending.

ANNEX 7
2012-2013 WORK PLAN
TAG ON PORT PROTECTION AND SECURITY
(Document presented by the delegation of United States)

- a) To facilitate the exchange of information related to contingency plans for natural disasters and other potential security threats (Recirculate request to members by June 14);
- b) To develop possible cooperation and share information on the movement, storage and handling of hazardous materials in ports and the effective response to accidents (seek feedback from members and develop implementation plan of proposed activity by September 12, 2012);
- c) To promote and facilitate the exchange of information related to international security standards, both mandatory and voluntary, including IMO/MSC circular 1192 and/or ISO 28000;
- d) To explore the means to promote cooperation between the TAG and international organizations with mandates on the sphere of action of this TAG (request input from members by August 30);
- e) To continue with the exchange of ideas and best practices in forums for designated security authorities and security officers of port facilities;
- f) To explore the interest among the CIP memberships for a Hemispheric Conference on port security;
- g) To continue to find ways to effectively collect and disseminate information relevant to the sphere of action of this TAG and the CIP Membership.

ANNEX 8
2012-2013 WORK PLAN
TAG ON PUBLIC POLICIES, LEGISLATION AND REGULATION

(Document presented by the delegation of Uruguay)

Proposed Work Plan for 2012-2013 pursuant to CIDI/CIP/RES. 117 (VII-12), Plan of Action of Lima 2012 – 2013, adopted at the plenary session of March 16, 2012, and to CIDI/CIP/doc.11/12, section D, Public Policies, Legislation and Regulation.

1. The first activity proposed is a survey among all the member states to identify this Group's prime topics regarding which they would like to receive information on the different situations faced by member states.

As a tentative guide, and without prejudice to the replies to be given by member states, the following points are offered:

- a) Characteristics of the port model adopted
- b) Ownership of ports and infrastructure
- c) Mechanisms for development of infrastructure (concessions, public works, joint ventures, etc.)
- d) Ways port services are rendered
- e) Role of the state and/or port authorities
- f) Regulation of relations between cities and ports
- g) Methods for public/private participation at ports

A deadline for returning replies should be set, calculated at 60 calendar days.

2. Continue monitoring and gathering information on the IMO and ILO international agreements ratified by member states over the period.
3. Continue compiling the legal regulations enacted by the different states during the period, paying particular attention to amendments in the regulations governing port activities.
4. Gather information on instruments and procedures for requests for tenders and/or bidding proceeding for the provision of port infrastructure services. Paying particular attention to public procurement procedures is suggested.
5. Gather information on legislation containing preventive measures for environmental protection that are a prerequisite for all port infrastructure projects.
6. Encourage the CIP Secretariat to study the possibility of launching an internet-based database that would allow access to all the information gathered.