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NOTE FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ARGENTINA concerning THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE TWELFTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON PORTS AND ENCLOSING A DRAFT RESOLUTION

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 The Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the Organization of American States presents its compliments to the Chair of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) and has the pleasure to refer to the holding of the twelfth regular meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP).

 In that regard, as was informed at the regular meeting of CIDI of May 28, 2020, the officers of the Executive Board of the CIP, which Argentina chairs, decided by consensus to postpone the meeting originally scheduled for August 2020, taking into account the well-known events relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, and announced that the meeting will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from May 19 to 21.

 In light of the foregoing, the Permanent Mission requests the inclusion of the following items on the order of business of the CIDI meeting scheduled for June 30, 2020.

* Consideration of the draft resolution “Postponement of the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Ports” (enclosed herewith)
* Presentation by the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports

The Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the Organization of American States avails itself of this opportunity to convey to the Chair of the Inter-American Council for Integral development (CIDI) the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Washington, D.C., June 22, 2020

Chair of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development

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POSTPONEMENT OF THE TWELFTH REGULAR MEETING
OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON PORTS

THE INTER-AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT (CIDI),

HAVING SEEN:

Resolution AG/RES. 2939 (XLIX-O/19), by which the General Assembly endorsed the Resolution of Mexico City ([CIDI/CIP/RES.1/18](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.4.11%20CIDI/CIP/res&classNum=1&lang=e)) and took note of the Plan of Action of Mexico City 2018-2020 ([CIDI/CIP/doc.5/18](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.4.11%20CIDI/CIP/doc&classNum=5&lang=e) rev. 1), as adopted at the eleventh regular meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS), held in Mexico City from August 1 to 3, 2018;

The Resolution of Roatan (CECIP/RES. 1/19 corr. 1), which accepted with satisfaction the offer of the Government of Argentina to host the twelfth regular meeting of the CIP, the Inter-American Forum on Successful Experiences in Port Development, and the twenty-first meeting of the Executive Board of the CIP (CECIP), so that they might be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from August 5 to 7, 2020, with the theme “The Port-City Relationship”;

Resolution CIDI/RES. 338 (XCIII-O/19), “Convocation of the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Ports,” adopted on September 26, 2019, by which it was decided to hold said meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from August 5 to 7, 2020, and to allocate for its organization the sum of US$29,158 from the resources provided in Chapter 7, Subprogram 74F of the program-budget of the Organization for 2020;

CONSIDERING that, due to well-known events associated with the pandemic caused by the transmission of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the obstacles created by this world-wide social and health emergency for the normal development of international activities and events, it is appropriate to postpone the twelfth regular meeting of CIP, originally scheduled to be held from August 5 to 7, 2020; and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

 That the Rules of Procedure of the CIP establish, at Article 5, that the Committee shall hold a regular meeting at least every two years;

 That Article 9 of said Rules of Procedure provides that the Inter-American Council for Integral Development shall convene a regular meeting of the Committee once the country that has offered to host it has confirmed the date, city, and specific location of the meeting; and

 That, as a result of the impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Port Administration of Argentina, in its capacity as Chair of the Executive Board of the CIP, in coordination with the CIP Secretariat and the CECIP officers, has recommended that the twelfth regular meeting of the CIP, originally agreed to be held from August 5 to 7 this year, be postponed,

RESOLVES:

1. To postpone the twelfth regular meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) and to hold it in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from May 19 to 21, 2021.
2. To call on member states to participate in that event by sending their highest port authorities.
3. Once the 2021 budget has been approved, to instruct that the maximum available amount of resources provided in Chapter 7, Subprogram 74F of the program-budget of the Organization for 2021 be allocated, in accordance with the guidelines established in resolution CP/RES. 982 (1797/11), for the preparation and holding of the twelfth regular meeting of the CIP, which will be held within the framework of Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI).
4. To instruct the General Secretariat, through the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) and the CIP Secretariat, to support the preparation and organization of the twelfth regular meeting of the CIP and to report to the CIDI on its results.

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