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NOTE FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ARGENTINA

 REGARDING THE HOLDING OF THE TWELFTH REGULAR MEETING

OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON PORTS (CIP)

***PERMANENT MISSION OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC***

***TO THE***

***ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES***

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The Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the Organization of American States (OAS) presents its compliments to the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) with reference to the twelfth regular meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Ports.

In view of the developments that are a matter of common knowledge regarding the pandemic caused by the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19); and the conversations that port authorities have held in that regard, forwarded herewith is a draft resolution for the aforementioned event to be held virtually on May 19.

Accordingly, the Mission is hereby requesting that this topic, as well as consideration of the draft resolution, be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI).

The Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the Organization of American States avails itself of this opportunity to convey to the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Washington, D.C., January 19, 2021

Attachment: Draft resolution

To the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development

Organization of American States

Washington, D.C.

cc: Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports

APPENDIX

DRAFT RESOLUTION

VIRTUAL TWELFTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE

INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON PORTS

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

HAVING SEEN:

The resolution of Roatán ([CECIP/RES. 1/19 corr. 1](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/english/HIST_19/CIP01169e03.doc).) accepting the offer from the Government of the Republic of Argentina to host the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP), the Inter-American Forum on Best Practices, and the Twenty-First Meeting of the Executive Committee of the CIP (CECIP) in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from August 5 to 7, 2020, under the theme "Port-City Relationship;"

 Resolution CIDI/RES. 338 (XCIII-O/19), “Convocation of the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Ports,” approved on September 26, 2019, and resolution CIDI/RES. 341 (CII-O/20), “Postponement of the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Ports,” approved on June 30, 2020, whereby a decision was taken for the Meeting to be postponed and held instead from May 19 to 21, 2021 in Buenos Aires, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic;

CONSIDERING:

That due to developments that are a matter of common knowledge regarding the pandemic caused by the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), and that the COVID-19 pandemic is now entering a second phase with new strains that are more highly transmissible and contagious;

 That guaranteeing the health of port officials from the OAS member states and any other attendees at the Meeting is a matter of utmost priority for General Port Authority S.E. (AGPSE) of Argentina and the CIP alike;

 That, by resolution CIDI/RES. 340 (C-O/20), adopted on April 28, 2020, CIDI decided to authorize the holding of virtual meetings for its subsidiary bodies while observing the guidelines laid down to contain the COVID-19 pandemic;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

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

 That Article 9 of said Rules of Procedure establishes that CIDI shall convene a regular meeting of the Committee once the country which offered to host it has confirmed the date, city, and specific venue of the of the meeting; and

 That as a result of the impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic and given the possibility of further infections because of the new strains, AGPSE of Argentina, in its capacity as Chair of the CIP Executive Committee (CECIP), in coordination with the other authorities of the CECIP, recommends that the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the CIP be held virtually,

RESOLVES:

1. To hold the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) virtually on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, with its proceedings to focus on regulatory matters and procedures of the port policy process.
2. To call on member states to participate in the meeting by encouraging participation by their highest port authorities.
3. To request that the amount of US$ 18,685 be allocated from the funds available provided for under Chapter 7, Subprogram 74F of the 2021 program-budget of the Organization 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.
4. To instruct the General Secretariat, through the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development and the CIP Secretariat, to support the work of preparing for and organizing the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the CIP and to report to CIDI on the outcomes thereof.

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