

THE MINISTER OF MARITIME AFFAIRS OF PANAMA AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE IMO PARTICIPATED IN THE LATIN AMERICAN PANEL OF INTERTANKO

The International Association of Independent Oil Owners (INTERTANKO) held the seventeenth session of the Latin American Panel in our country.

The Minister of Maritime Affairs and Administrator of the Panama Maritime Authority (AMP), Jorge Barakat Pitty, attended this distinguished meeting with the Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Kitack Lim, who were both in charge of welcoming and offering attendees visions of their respective entities in relation to this maritime sector. During his presentation Jorge Barakat Pitty thanked the participants for choosing Panama to hold this meeting, which coincides temporarily with the celebrations of the Centennial of the International Ships Registry of Panama.

Similarly, the head of the AMP stressed the strong commitment of the entity, over the years, with the appropriate implementation of the Convention of Ballast Water and added that permanently from within AMP it has been followed the development of the same with the purpose of highlighting measures with which to obtain optimal results for both parties. In this sense, Jorge Barakat Pitty, affirmed that the regulations of Panama have been developed and reinforced in reference of the mentioned agreement, whereas from the General Directorate of Merchant Marine the newsletters have been issued based on this regulation.



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Panama - October 1-3, 2017



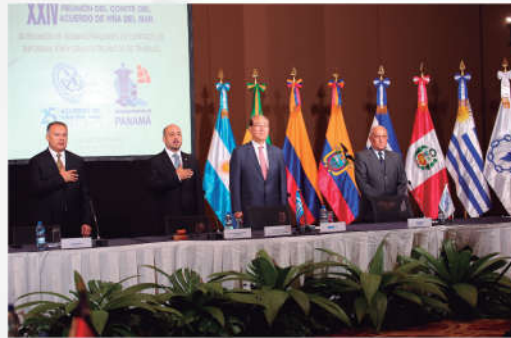
During the XXIV Meeting of Member States of this important Organization

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4th, 2017

The 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE RECTOR AGREEMENT OF PUERTO DE VIÑA DEL MAR IS BEING CELEBRATING IN PANAMA

As part of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Panama International Ship Registry and subsequent to the Parallel Event of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) World Maritime Day, the XXIV Meeting of THE COMMITTEE OF THE RECTOR AGREEMENT OF PUERTO DE VIÑA DEL MAR was officially inaugurated along with the IX Meeting of Administrators of Information Centers and Technical Working Groups, of the Agreement of Viña del Mar.

The opening ceremony, held in Panama City, was chaired by IMO Secretary General Kitack Lim, General Secretary of the Latin American Agreement of Viña del Mar, Luis Alberto Arroz, the Minister for Maritime Affairs of Panama, Jorge Barakat Pitty along with delegates of the member states of the aforementioned Viña del Mar Agreement, along with observing delegates of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the Black Sea MOU and the Caribbean MOU.



IMO Secretary General Kitack Lim expressed his congratulations on the 25th anniversary of the creation of the Latin American Agreement on Vessel Control by the Port State (Viña del Mar Agreement), signed under the Regional Cooperation Operational Network of Maritime Authorities of South America, Cuba, Mexico and Panama (ROCRAM), initially formed by Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela, which constituted a transcendental step in the protection and security of our Latin American region.



PANAMA WILL BE THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE THIRD HEMISPHERIC CONFERENCE ON COMPETITIVENESS, INNOVATION AND LOGISTICS: INTEGRAL PORT MANAGEMENT FOR OPTIMUM EFFICIENCY

The Panama Maritime Authority (AMP), in its capacity as Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee on Logistics, Innovation and Competitiveness of the Inter-American Committee on Ports, welcomed members of the Third Hemispheric Conference on Competitiveness, Innovation and Logistics whose central theme revolves around integrated port management for greater efficiency; a topic that will allow us to develop during the next few days a dialogue on strategic actions aimed at achieving efficient and innovative port operations with the objective of increasing the competitiveness of the region.

Jorge Barakat Pitty, Minister of Maritime Affairs, said: "We are faced with a time in port history, where technological innovations will drive us to develop logistical systems that increasingly satisfy our customers"; interests, and at the same time, allow us to be more competitive and efficient in the services we provide, reducing the time of operations in the ports and creating an interconnection with the different members of the logistics chain, so that the cargo can reach its destined port resulting in clients saving time and possibly even cutting cost".

Innovation and competitiveness play a major role in the growth of the logistics and shipping sector, which brings with it an increase in exports and the gross domestic product of each of our countries.



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