

## **DECLARATION OF ROSARIO**

The Latin American Delegation of the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) in meetings held in Rosario, Argentina on April 23-26, 2007, has arrived at the following conclusions:

1. To give a special recognition to the port of Rosario for the excellent organization of the event and for the warm welcome given to all delegates, and also to list its great achievements in matters of port development logistics.
2. To register the positive action accomplished by these journeys of work having generated a valuable exchange of ideas and experiences between national and regional port authorities, public and private administrations, international organizations, agents and users of the sector.
3. To emphasize that these activities have continued developing the tasks began at the last congress of Guayaquil towards advocating to the Latin American governments the need to work in an active way to improve the internal transportation structure of our countries and connectivity between ports if we wish to be competitive in a global market.
4. To develop from within the ports important means of connecting transportation, such as the waterway and railway, for them to have a more predominant role in the logistics chain and thus improve in efficiency by reducing costs for foreign Latin American trade.
5. To acknowledge the support for these initiatives from international organizations such as the Commission of Inter-American Port of OAS, Eclac, CAF, and IDB.
6. To reiterate the necessity of continuing to advance of the meeting of the ministers with international organizations, if possible prior to the next Latin American congress to be held next year in Panama, and to achieve the improvement in infrastructure and transportation services to contribute to the development of our region.

*Rosario, April 26, 2007*