



12th International Conference Cities and Ports **DECLARATION OF BUENOS AIRES**

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We, the delegates of local port communities, port authorities, economic and institutional partners of port cities meeting in Argentina in Buenos Aires and Rosario on the occasion of the 12th International Cities and Ports Conference, reassert the engagements drawn up in the Charter of Montreal of Cities and Ports for the Environment (1993), and the Charter of Sydney for the Sustainable Development of Port Cities (2006) and hereby declare:

The port cities and regions are advance posts in the globalisation of the economy.

The growth of global international maritime trade, in which the port cities are major players, has contributed towards the improvement of living conditions for the majority of the populations of the world. Globalisation has enabled numerous nations to accede to a level of economic and social development as yet never attained and participates towards maintaining peace in the world.

However, social disparities, the rarefaction of certain natural resources, the exhaustion of cheap fossil energies, the violations of the natural milieu and biodiversity, and global warming, all carry, in the long term, grave threats for the model of economic and social development that we know.

Port cities are especially exposed to the consequences of these issues as much for their economy as for their development and the well-being of their populations.

Conscious of their responsibilities in global development and in the improvement in the living conditions of the populations as well as in the incertitudes which are henceforth weighing down on this global economic and social model, the stakeholders of the cities and ports are exercising all vigilance in the face of these expected evolutions.

The cities and the ports brought together by AIVP are united in searching for and implementing any solution enabling the expected upsets of the coming decades to be anticipated, both for their own development projects as for those of the regions, countries and continental blocks with which they are associated. The stakeholders of port cities undertake to search for an optimal complementarity between urban functions and port, maritime and waterway functions in order to contribute actively towards putting in place a more sustainable growth necessary for the maintenance of the global economic, social and environmental balances.

The cities and the ports brought together by AIVP will exchange their experiences and their knowledge to collaborate ever more actively in the search for new means and long term strategies as well as in order to respond to immediate requirements.

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