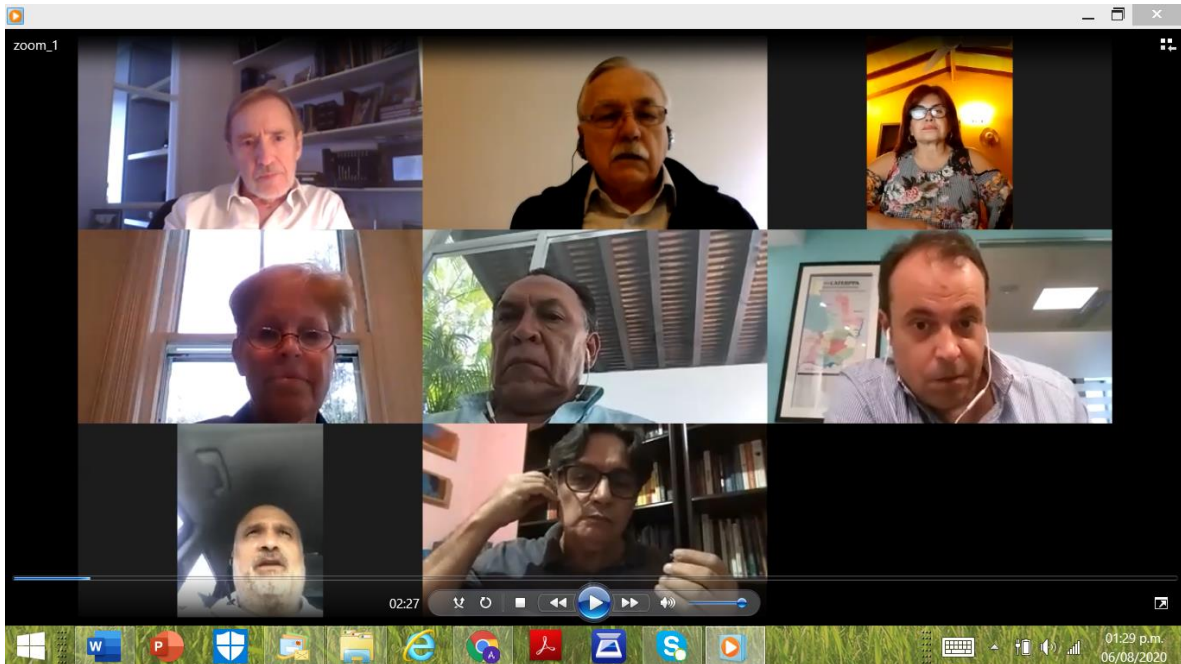




## PRESS RELEASE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING CIANAM 2020

**It was successfully held by video conference a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Cámara Interamericana de Asociaciones Nacionales de Agentes Marítimos (CIANAM 2019).**



With the participation of all members of the Board of Directors of the Cámara Interamericana de Asociaciones Nacionales de Agentes Marítimos (CIANAM), composed of seven members belonging to the same number of National Associations that make up this regional organization and the Secretariat, on August 4th, 2020 it was held a meeting by video conference within the scope of the By-laws, which have always foreseen this possibility.

CIANAM was created as a regional organization in 2003, it has its permanent headquarters in the Oriental Republic of Uruguay and it is integrated by the Associations of Ship Agents from Argentina; Brazil; Chile; Costa Rica; Ecuador; United States of America; Guatemala; Mexico; Panama; Paraguay; Peru and Uruguay. The purposes of CIANAM are to promote, in harmony with the highest inter-American goals, the rights and responsibilities of Ship Agents, to support the activity

for the benefit of the sector and to contribute to the proper operation of shipping transport and logistics services within the region, as an essential link of international maritime trade and port activity in general.

Given the situation caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, a comprehensive analysis on the negative impact that this situation has caused on the different activities was carried out during the meeting, particularly considering the issues related to the operation of vessels and ports in different countries that integrate the Chamber, reaching the conclusion that, although there has been a great impact in maritime transport and it has generally caused an important drop in the activity averages, this sector as continued operating due to the fact that it is an essential activity that has allowed to keep the indispensable flow of merchandise and goods, essential for the subsistence of people.

In this context, the opinions, concerns or comments that members make to the Chamber have been considered, in addition to the continuity of the members of the Board of Directors to ensure the proper operation of this organization, taking into account that during this year it has not been possible to hold the annual meeting for such purposes.

Therefore, it shall be highlighted the responsibilities and contributions of ship agents for the successful development of all the activities related to water transport, a role that cannot be replaced by third parties or intermediaries that shall not be duly joining the register and authorization systems that regulate their activity within different States, acquiring special relevance the contributions they shall make so that vessels shall continue operating as normally as possible before the extraordinary situation created worldwide by the Pandemic.