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REPORT ON THE ADVANCES REGARDING THE PROJECT "MAP OF MARITIME ROUTES IN THE GREATER CARIBBEAN"

In accordance with the recognition made by the plenary of the 20th Meeting of the CET of the ACS, of the successful work carried out by the multinational team that runs the project, which representatives of: the Central American Commission on Maritime Transport (COCATRAM), the Ministry of Transport of Cuba (MITRANS) and the Panama Maritime Authority (AMP), the compiled material has been continuously improved and duly updated.

Also in line with the recommendation to publicize the success achieved, computer experts from ACE and COCATRAM, developed the required technical exchange and this material has already been published in the Web sites of both organizations (COCATRAM and ACE). Contact was made with Trinitarian Journal "The Guardian" in September 2011 and a press release was published, also the two editions of the ACS "news letter" entitled "on the Road" have mentioned the project.

We have continued the permanent technical exchange with the Secretariat team of the ACS and field visits have been made to the Maritime University of Panama, Crowley Marine - Panama Manzanillo International Terminal, the Port Authority of Curaçao, the port Consulting independent of Curaçao, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of

Curaçao and Curaçao Maritime Authority, and in coming days it is expected to visit the shipping Association of Trinidad, the Port Authority of Trinidad and shipping agencies, Perez and Co. and CMA - CGM, as part of the improvement of this tool and to try to establish an alternative channel, voluntary, for a reliable supply of information that can support the project.

Statistical results can offer as detailed below.

In this third stage of the project, we have the following general information on PRMGC, up to August 30, 2012:

- There are in the Caribbean region a total of 185 regular maritime transportation services.
- Guaranteed by 61 shipping lines.
- Operating with a total of 765 vessels.
- Stopping at 92 ports.
- Located in 41 countries.
- The aforementioned fleet generally has a total capacity of: 2,220, 600 TEU, of which 296.500 are for refrigerated products.

Also, it is to be acknowledged, as agreed during the 20th meeting of the SCT, the gratitude letters sent to the Turkish Embassy who contributed financially to the project and also a note of appreciation to the institutions to the affection team.

As stated above, detailed project progress information is supported in the websites of the ACS and COCATRAM.

The implementation team would welcome any recommendation or information exchange in order to improve the project.