



IMLI GRADUATE LEADS GUATEMALA'S IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS OF THE ISPS CODE

On 15 July 2020, the National Port Commission of Guatemala officially presented to the Government the Drafting Project on the Regulations for the Protection of Port Facilities which implement the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code into domestic legislation.

The event was moderated by Ms. Kamyla Barrientos Pineda, an IMLI graduate of the year 2019. The working table was attended by The Honourable General of Division Juan Carlos Alemán Soto (Minister of Defence), The Honourable Ingenieur Josué Edmundo Lémus Cifuentes (Minister of Communications, Infrastructure and Housing), The Honourable Mr. Álvaro González Ricci (Minister of Public Finances), The Honourable Ms. Leyla Susana Lemus Arriaga (Secretary-General to the Presidency of the Republic), Capt. Axel David Colindres Mayorga (Vice-Minister of the Marine), Mr. Rolando Paiz Klanderud, (Coordinator of PRONACOM), Mr. Omar Barrios Osorio (President of the Governing Board of the National Port Commission), members of the Drafting Project Commission and Dr. Ángeles Jiménez García-Carriazo (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI). During the discussions, the distinguished participants submitted their final comments and observations.



Ms. Kamyla Barrientos Pineda (IMLI Graduate of 2019)

The distinguished speakers noted that the safety of ships and ports is a priority issue for the promotion of international trade by sea as competitive, efficient, and safe ports are the key to the international development of Guatemala. The implementation of the ISPS Code guarantees the protection of ships and port facilities as it prescribes responsibilities to governments, shipping companies, shipboard personnel, and port/facility personnel to detect security threats and take preventive measures against security incidents affecting ships or port facilities used in international trade.

Mr. Omar Barrios Osorio (President of the Governing Board of the National Port Commission) explained the scope of the work done by the members of the Drafting Project Commission and how it fits in the legal framework of the Maritime and Port Authorities in Guatemala.



Members of the Drafting Project Commission

Dr. Jiménez García-Carriazo intervened on behalf of the Director to applaud this legislative development and congratulate Ms. Barrientos for her involvement in the project.

At the end of the event, Ms. Barrientos officially presented the Draft Regulations to the Minister of Public Finances and the Minister of Communications, Infrastructure and Housing.



Ms. Kamyla Barrientos Pineda (IMLI Class of 2019) presenting the Drafting Project on the Regulations for the Protection of Port Facilities to the The Honourable Ingenieur Josué Edmundo Lémus Cifuentes (Minister of Communications, Infrastructure and Housing)

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