



**PIANC**  
The World Association for  
Waterborne Transport Infrastructure

## Resolution of the General Assembly of PIANC

### **The Development of Maritime traffic and of the Ports in the Mediterranean Sea and the Geographical Expansion of PIANC**

The World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure is pleased to hold its 129<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly in Marseille, European Capital of Culture in 2013.

At this occasion, PIANC welcomes the revival of this large maritime port since the French port reform in 2008, revival manifesting itself in particular by the significant increase of container traffic in 2012.

At the same time, PIANC is also pleased to organise, simultaneously with the Annual General Assembly, the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Mediterranean Days of Coastal and Port Engineering. The Association is pleased to present a programme which includes speakers not only from the organising countries, Italy, Spain, Portugal and France, but also from Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Turkey and Greece.

It is a good occasion for PIANC to underline its attachment to the great importance of the increase of its membership by its geographical expansion. PIANC repeats its readiness to support by all means (General Secretariat, Vice-Presidents, Technical Commissions and Experts) every initiative aiming the promotion of its activities and products in a combined action, as it has, for instance, been the case with the great success in Colombia in 2012.

This event also clearly shows the dynamics of maritime traffic in the Mediterranean, whether it deals with cruises, recreational navigation or freight traffic, and in particular container traffic.

This can be an occasion for the economic growth of the majority of the coastal states of the Mediterranean Sea.

The General Assembly of PIANC wishes to continue its role in the growth of all these kinds of maritime traffic in the Mediterranean and to this end hopes for a better collaboration in the field of waterborne transport among the RIM countries of the Mediterranean Sea.

PIANC launches a call to the governments of the coastal states of the Mediterranean Sea, to facilitate this collaboration, which will generate more economic growth for all. It insists that this collaboration be extended to hinterland connections intended for inland haulage, essential for the growth of port traffic. It also launches a call to the European Union that could encourage this successful collaboration as well, on the one hand to stimulate economic growth and on the other to increase the awareness that waterborne transport represents the most environment-friendly means of transportation.

