

IAPH Second Plenary Session  
Resolution on Clean Air Programs for Ports  
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**Whereas**, the members of IAPH recognize that the world economy continues to globalize, international maritime trade is drastically increasing and port throughputs are similarly growing at unprecedented rates;

**Whereas**, as central engines for the local economy, ports generate more and more jobs, taxes, and supporting industries, without which the world economy and trade could not sustain their growth;

**Whereas**, ports continue to play such critical roles, their harmony with the natural environment, locally and globally, should be ensured;

**Whereas**, IAPH has been extensively addressing a range of environmental issues over the years and, in view of emerging serious concerns of the global warming, wants to draw more attention to air quality of port areas and undertake as many efforts as possible to reduce air emissions from port operations;

**Whereas**, ports are the meeting place of virtually all modes of transport resulting in multiple emission sources often close to cities where air quality may affect health and quality of life, IAPH agreed in Mumbai in April 2006, that ports should take practical and effective measures to create a clean air environment;

**Whereas**, IAPH has already started close collaboration with ISO to develop technical standards for power transfer, also known as Alternative Maritime Power (AMP), and is developing guidance on measures to be taken such as the "Tool Box for Port Clean Air Programs";

**Whereas**, the maritime industry has started initiatives to reduce emissions from ships leading to the May 2005 entry into force of MARPOL Annex VI which imposes limits on sulphur oxide and nitrogen oxide emissions from ship exhausts and prohibits emissions of ozone depleting substances and where IMO is again considering tightening of these regulations, supported by IAPH;

**The members**, on a proposal duly seconded, unanimously resolved that:

- IAPH reaffirms its recognition of ports' need to adopt clean air programs to better sustain development of the global society and its commitment to promote integrated approaches in such programs.
- IAPH urges ports, members and non-members alike, to take active and effective steps towards clean air programs while stressing the critical need to develop integrated action plans for respective ports and recognizing that no one-size-fits-all solution exists for ports with their large variations in pollution level, emission sources, geographical and meteorological conditions;

- IAPH will continue to provide a unique and effective forum to share best practices and experiences among the world's ports and various parties concerned, and will develop and disseminate guidelines, reference materials and information.
- IAPH will collaborate further with UN agencies and other international organizations such as the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), the Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF) and regional Port and Trade Associations to achieve the goal of creating clean air programs thereby assisting in the abatement of global warming.