

## **AGA Resolution 2012 – Valencia, Spain - 22 May 2012**

### **TO BOOST MULTIMODAL INTEGRATION IN MARITIME TRANSPORT**

It is a well-established fact that the transport and logistics industry is under considerable pressure from production sectors, which require increasingly complex, cheap and efficient services. Even more importantly, these services must be environmentally sustainable. In such a scenario, maritime transport takes on vital importance as the solution offering the greatest cargo transportation capacity and the highest levels of sustainability. This privileged position must be accentuated, not only in relation to long haul routes between continents but short haul routes as well.

It seems beyond question that the best way of proactively supporting maritime transport as a priority option is to encourage the promotion of real 'door to door' solutions. This approach involves the efficient integration of diverse modes of transport to provide high quality global service and infrastructure in support of production chains.

In this context, the position of PIANC as a worldwide organisation devoted to infrastructure for ports and inland waterways is to encourage initiatives for the integration of ports into intermodal corridors as part of a wider transport policy which is based on principles of efficiency, ensure seamlessness of transportation modes and sustainable mobility. In order to achieve these objectives, it is no longer enough to ensure adequate port facilities are available, but road, rail and inland navigation access infrastructure must also be significantly improved. This will require an additional effort on the part of authorities responsible for creating and expanding multimodal corridors, to which ports belong, in order to ensure sufficient interoperability between the different transport modes involved.