

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HONDURAS
REGARDING HARBOR NAVIGATION IMPROVEMENT

The Government of Honduras and the Government of the United States of America, acting through the U.S. Department of Transportation; hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”:

Desiring the installation of a marine navigation system and related facilities in ports of Honduras to replace navigation facilities that were destroyed by hurricanes in 1998;

Desiring further that the replacement capability be designed to employ and benefit from modern technology, including Global Positioning System satellites;

Desiring further that the replacement navigation capability enhance marine navigation in the ports of Honduras so as to allow for the increased free flow of hurricane reconstruction materials and easing of additional economic hardship;

Considering that it is in the mutual interests of the Participants to promote sustainable improvements in maritime safety in Honduras and to create an environment to foster the growth of maritime services both between Honduras and the United States, and between Honduras and the other nations of the world;

Considering that it is in the mutual interests of the Participants to promote the protection of the natural environment through the installation of improvements in maritime navigation in Honduras that reduce the likelihood of ship grounding and collisions that result in spillage of oil (or other substances) into the sea;

Recognizing that the Participants are working together to implement safer maritime transportation in Central America;

Noting that the Participants consider safe maritime navigation services critical for Honduras to compete in the emerging global economy;

Determining that modernizing Honduras' maritime transportation navigation services is important in order for Honduras to maintain economic growth and to increase its intra-regional and world trade;

NOW, THEREFORE, record the following:

The United States Government, subject to the availability of appropriated funds, intends to provide to the Government of Honduras installation of a Differential Global Positioning System navigational aids system for maritime navigation.

SIGNED IN TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS this ____ day of December, 1999.

For the Government of the
United States of America

For the Government of Honduras