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The right of life above all

From ASO PORTUARIA we reject any act of violence, which is not legitimized from any point of view. People have the right to communicate their protest voice, to express their nonconformity in a peaceful way, considering that the rights of others will not be violated. These fundamental rights that all Colombians have, to life, health, food, private property and free enterprise, cannot be subject to political causes or to particular interests.

We continue in a complex situation due to the Covid pandemic, where the priority must be to preserve health, advance vaccination and recover our economy, which results in the salvage and increase of jobs, in reopening businesses that have not yet been recovered, in attracting investment, which, has been shown before, it reduces poverty levels and should offer better opportunities for the most vulnerable.

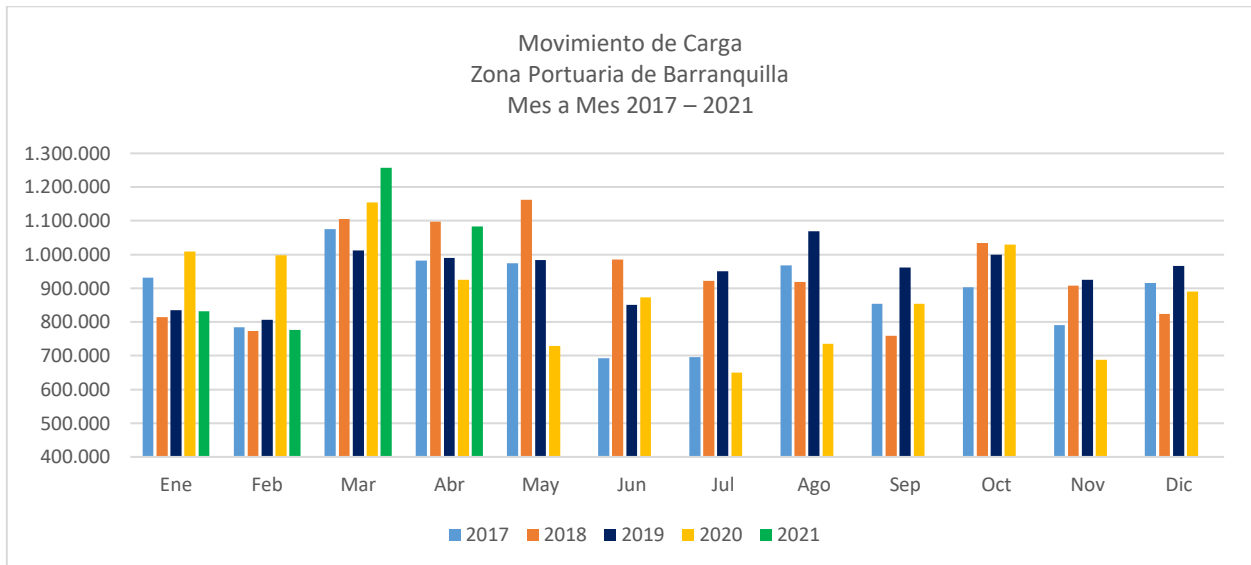
From the port sector, the shortage crises are very sensitive to us and we suffer in first-hand the difficulties that arise due to the lack of availability of vehicles to remove from the port facilities, the food, raw materials, and supplies of all kinds that all the Colombian population, with no different economic stratum. That is why we must preserve the economic and productive apparatus, not allow it to stop, because in that way, we all lose.

It's in this moment where institutions, our local and national leaders, the promoters of the marches and the entire establishment, should make a call for calmness and that, through dialogue, we solve the essential differences that allow us to continue respecting the rights that with so much effort it we have achieved. It is also time not to let ourselves fall into despair.

There will be time for political calculations and for different interests, but today we must overcome the challenges that we as a society have and just as when there is a threat of shipwreck in the marine world, try to straighten the course, even if we do not all agree on which should this course be and at which port, we should to arrive.

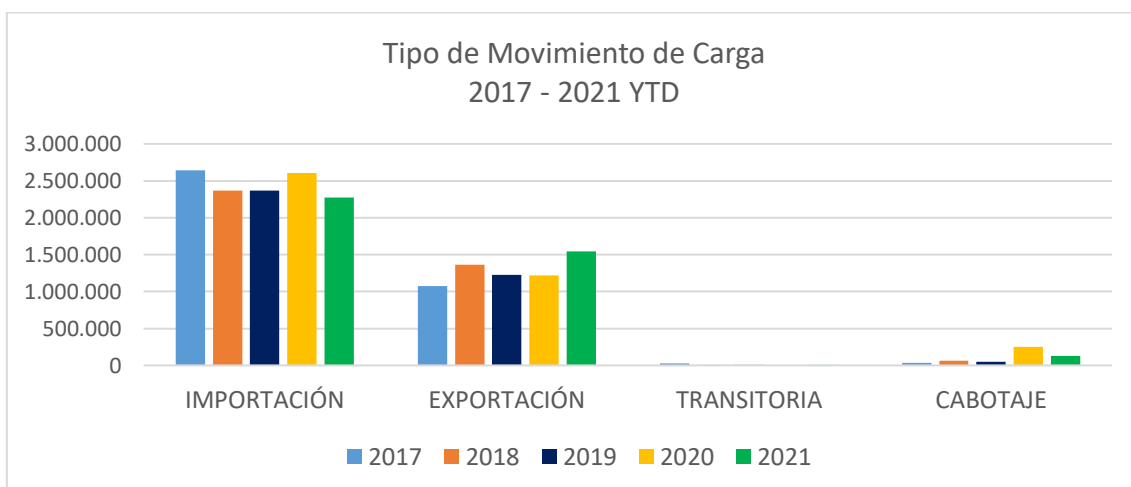
April confirms cargo recovery

A positive month registered the Port Area of Barranquilla, where there was a growth of 17% compared to April of the previous year, when the impact of COVID had yet to hit cargo flows. Although the insights were lower than last March, a very good dynamics of imports in bulk stands out, which could be higher if the restrictions that forced the draft to be lowered to 9.0 meters were not present, while coke exports continues at a high level. The movement of liquid cargo also presented the highest figure of the last year.



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In the Year-to-date figures, although there is a decrease of 3% compared to the same period of the previous year, if we compare only the number of imports plus exports, the accumulated is similar to the previous year.



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Situation of the Draft in the Port Area



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During the month of April there were deteriorating conditions in the navigable channel, which caused the maritime authority to restrict the draft to 9.0 meters. This is partly since there has been no continuity in the dredging maintenance one, since in two occasions the processes to contract this dredging were declared void, as no company presented offers. In any case, it is expected that in the first days of May, the dredger Bartolomeu Dias will return to work in the port area to recover the areas where the greatest sedimentation has occurred. In parallel, the state entities have been working on achieving the permanent dredge until December of this year.

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