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Re: *Dr. José Modesto Apolo Terán*

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is with profound regret and sadness that I have to pass on to you that another beloved member of the CMI family, Dr. José Modesto Apolo Terán of Ecuador, passed away in Guayaquil on 5 December 2021. José (or Pepe as he was known to his friends) was a Titulary Member of the CMI and a partner of the law firm Apolo Abogados which was founded by his father in 1948.

Attached is the 5 December 2021 obituary (in Spanish) which appeared in the online edition of D'UNA, outlining Dr. Apolo's illustrious career as a maritime lawyer and arbitrator, his strong character and support for just causes, the numerous Government and Administrative positions he held, and his contributions to the development of Ecuador's maritime law, particularly in the areas of ports and fisheries. Dr. Apolo was also instrumental in the dredging of the access channel to the Port of Guayaquil while serving as Legal Advisor to the former Mayor of Guayaquil, Jaime Nebot.

Dr. Apolo was the President of the Ecuadorean Maritime Law Association, a past President of the Instituto Iberoamericano de Derecho Marítimo, a past President of the Ecuadorean Branch of the International Chamber of Commerce, and Professor Emeritus of Maritime Law at the Universidad de Especialidades Espiritu Santo in Guayaquil. Dr. Apolo received the Knight Commander's Cross of the Order of St. Gregory the Great which was bestowed upon him by the Vatican in recognition of his personal service to the Holy See and to the Catholic Church.

Dr. Apolo faithfully represented the Ecuadorean Maritime Law Association at numerous CMI conferences, colloquia and assemblies over the years, and his participation at these meetings will very much be missed by his friends and colleagues.

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I am conveying my heartfelt condolences and those of the CMI to the Ecuadorean Maritime Law Association, and asking them to be passed on to Dr. Apolo's family, including his beloved wife, Maria Lorena Santos de Apolo, son, Jose Gabriel Apolo Santos, and daughter, Maria Lorena Apolo Santos.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris O. Davis", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christopher O. Davis