**Press release**

**Port Authority, Customs Agency and Port Community Associations join their efforts to face the Morandi Bridge Emergency: urgent measures have already been taken to ensure port efficiency with no consequences for customers**

Institutions and port operators are working side by side to make the #**PortsofGenoaGOAhead**

 All the components of the Ports of Genoa Shipping Community have confirmed their willingness to co-operate and build a revised organizational model able to cope with the criticalities following the Morandi bridge collapse.

A special Coordinating Board\*, established just a few hours after the tragic event of August 14th, has started examining several solutions to ensure the efficiency of the port services, avoiding repercussions to port customers and to the city traffic.

The key issues are port road connections and cargo customs controls efficiency.

The Port Authority is implementing a new layout of the port road network in order to ensure a fast link to the motorways and a smooth interconnection between the Sampierdarena and Voltri-Pra’ port basins, reducing the interference with urban traffic.

The Customs Agency is working to facilitate the coordination of the inspection cycle in order to optimize procedures, strengthen the connections between the port and the inland bonded warehouses, enhance the territorial coverage and reduce the movements of people, goods and documents between the two main port areas of Voltri-Pra’ and Sampierdarena.

The port Sanitary, Veterinary and Phytopathology Offices are working for the simplification of their procedures to ensure broader time windows for inspections. In order to plan the inspection activity at best and reduce delays, the port terminals, supported by Confindustria, will anticipate the requests of inspections and the availability of containers.

Spediporto is offering its members a shuttle service for carrying documentation and samples for veterinary checks between the port basins of Sampierdarena and Voltri-Pra’ to further reduce road traffic between the two port areas.

Through this strong cooperation, the Ports of Genoa Shipping Community ensures its full commitment to solve any critical situation that may occur to meet customers’ operational needs and to guarantee the high quality service that the industry expects from the port of Genoa.

*\* The Coordinating Board involves representatives of:*

*Western Ligurian Sea Port Authority, Customs Agency, Confindustria (the organization representing the manufacturing , construction, energy, transportation, ITC, tourism and services industries in Genoa), Spediporto (the Genoese association of freight forwarders), Assagenti (the Genoese association of ship agents and brokers) and operators of the Ports of Genoa Shipping Community*