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## Atlantic Centre invited to the inauguration of the Colombian Institute of Maritime Law

On November 12 and 13, the Atlantic Centre (AC) was represented in Bogotá by its Coordinator, Rear Admiral Nuno de Noronha Bragança, and Dr. Francisco de Arantes e Oliveira, for the inauguration of the Colombian Institute for Maritime Law, which will be temporarily based at the Naval Academy of Strategic Studies of the Colombian Navy.

The event featured presentations by international law experts, including the Honorable Judge Thomas Heidar, President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Vice Minister of Multilateral Affairs Kandya Obezo Casseres, Vice Admiral Juan Ricardo Rozo Obregón, Admiral Nirmal Verma, and Dr. Giovanny Veja. The AC was also among the speakers, invited by Rear Admiral Javier Alfonso Jaimes Pinilla of the Colombian Navy. The AC coordinator was the keynote speaker on November 12, delivering a presentation titled "The vision of Maritime Law from the Atlantic Centre's perspective," and participated in a roundtable on the same day.

During this historically significant event for the Colombian Navy, the start of Colombia's process of joining the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) was announced.