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Statement by FMCS Director George H. Cohen on East Coast Ports Labor Negotiations

WASHINGTON, D.C. — “FMCS Director George Cohen has called a meeting of the ILA and the Maritime Alliance in advance of the December 29th expiration of the contract extension. The parties have agreed to attend. Due to the sensitive nature of the negotiations FMCS will have no additional comment at this time.”

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