



**Impacts of the Fourth Industrial Revolution on Port-City Integration  
“World Port Sustainability Program Aspects”**



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