Italy, Spain seek end to Panama Canal row The Prime Ministers of Italy and Spain are both trying to find a rapid solution to a dispute over cost overruns which is threatening to halt work on widening the Panama Canal Detail Sea Water-saving basins: Move ships map between sea and lake level Chambers: Handle bigger ships than existing canal PANAMA Colon **(1)** Lock aates Gatun Atlantic Panama Canal Locks Locks Existing channel made deeper and wider Lake Prince Pedro Rupert Miraflores Miquel Locks Locks Gatun Lake **Panama** PANAMA City PACIFIC OCEAN Pacific Canada Seattle Locks Baltimore Tacoma New York/ U.S. New Jersey Norfolk New lock complexes Freeport New access channels Los Angeles **Bahamas** VESSEL SIZES **Panamax class** (1980-88) Length: 294m TEU: 4.500 Lazaro Cardenas Mexico Suape **New Panamax** (2014-) Panama Canal TEU: 12,000 Brazil Length: 366m Cartagena, Colombia Santos **Buenos Aires** Triple-E (2013-) Argentina Length: 400m TEU: 18.000 Ports ready for **New Panamax** vessels TEU = Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit (container capacity) Sources: Panama Canal Authority, Stratfor, wire agencies © GRAPHIC NEWS