

## SESSION 00-03 OF ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES

### SUMMARY RECORD

The Council, represented by its Alternate Representatives, met via conference call on 19 April 2000. Mr. William Nitze (United States) chaired the meeting. Ms. Norine Smith and Mr. José Luis Samaniego represented Canada and Mexico respectively. Mr. Jonathan Plaut represented JPAC and Ms. Janine Ferretti, Executive Director, the Secretariat. Ms. Julie-Anne Bellefleur, Assistant to the Council Secretary, acted as secretary of the session. Other officials of the Parties and the Secretariat were also in attendance.

#### **Item 1 Adoption of the agenda**

The Alternate Representatives adopted the agenda at the beginning of the session based on the provisional agenda. The agenda as approved can be found in Annex A.

#### **Item 2 Adoption of summary record**

This item was deferred to the next session of Alternate Representatives.

#### **Item 3 2000 Regular Session of the Council**

The United States confirmed that the 7<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Council will be held at the Sheraton Grand Hotel DFW Airport in Dallas, Texas.

The Alternate Representatives reviewed the provisional annotated agenda for the session as well as the general program and format of meetings and side events. They agreed that the official opening of the session with the public present be extended by one and a half hours on 12 June to include the report by the Executive Director and special presentations by outside experts on CEC achievements. They further agreed that the Secretariat move forward with the invitations to the special presenters. The Alternate Representatives asked the Secretariat to restructure the proposed agenda and program of events based on their discussion. Canada offered to submit suggestions as to how the announcements might be further developed.

The JPAC representative encouraged the Parties to agree —before the June Council session— on a process aimed at addressing the outstanding citizen submissions under Articles 14 and 15 on which the Council is expected to vote as to whether or not to instruct the Secretariat to develop a factual record. The Parties indicated that they will endeavor to have a Council decision on all outstanding submissions in advance of the June Council session.

#### **Item 4 Other issues**

No other issues were discussed.

**Item 5 Next sessions of Alternate Representatives**

A regular session of Alternate Representatives will be held on 9 May to finalize arrangements for the Regular Session of the Council and to address issues related to Articles 14 and 15. The Alternate Representatives also agreed to hold a Party-to-Party meeting on Articles 14-15 and explore with their Foreign Affairs counterparts the possibility of including-inviting them in that meeting to be held in May 2000 in Montreal.

The JPAC representative indicated, on behalf of JPAC, that the private meeting with Foreign Affairs counterparts is not in accord with transparency concerns raised by JPAC and the public.

**Item 6 Closure of the session**

The Chair closed the session.

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**SESSION 00-03 OF ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES  
AGENDA**

Held via conference call on  
Wednesday, 19 April 2000 from 12:00 to 1:00 PM, Eastern time  
(11:00 to 12:00 PM, Mexico time)

- Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda
- Item 2 Approval of Summary Record
- Item 3 2000 Regular Session of the Council
- Item 4 Other issues
- Item 5 Next sessions of Alternate Representatives
- Item 6 Closure of the session

**SESSION 00-03 OF ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES  
ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**Item 1 Adoption of the agenda**

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (R. 9.6), the Council shall adopt the agenda for the session at the beginning of the session based on the provisional agenda. The Alternate Representatives are expected to adopt the agenda for the session.

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Draft annotated agenda (distributed 14-04-00) C/C.01/00-03/AGEN/01/Rev.2

**Item 2 Adoption of summary record**

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (R.11), the Executive Director prepared the summary records of Session 00-02 of Alternate Representatives. Speakers have submitted corrections to the summary of their remarks (R.11). The Alternate Representatives are expected to review and approve the summary record.

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Session 00-02 draft Summary Record (distributed 18-02-00) C/C.01/00-02/SR/01/Rev.2

**Item 3 2000 Regular Session of the Council**

The Parties are expected to review the arrangements for the 7<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Council scheduled for 12-13 June 2000 in the United States. The host country (United States) is expected to confirm the selected venue for the Session.

The Parties are expected to exchange additional views on the provisional agenda for the Council session, the list of potential announcements and the general program.

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Provisional annotated agenda (distributed 17-04-00) C/00-00/AGEN/01/Rev.4  
 b) List of potential decisions and announcements (distributed 14-04-00) C/00-00/DISC/01  
 c) General program (distributed 17-04-00) C/00-00/PROG/01/Rev.9  
 d) Program of events opened to the public (distributed 17-04-00) C/00-00/PROG/02/Rev.4  
 e) Format/plan for meetings and side events (distributed 17-04-00) C/00-00/PLAN/02/Rev.1  
 f) Critical path (distributed 14-04-00) C/ 00-00/PLAN/01/Rev.5  
 g) Memo of 21 Jan. 2000 from JPAC Chair to Alternate Representatives (distributed 21-01-00)  
 h) JPAC Advice 99-12: Methods to improve the public portion of the Council Session

**Item 4 Other issues**

At the time of writing the Secretariat had no issue to propose under this item.

**Item 5 Next sessions of Alternate Representatives**

In accordance with the proposed schedule of sessions for the year 2000, the next session of Alternate Representatives will be held in Montreal on 8-9 May 2000.

In accordance with the CEC's revised policy on interpretation at meetings, the Alternate Representatives are invited to assess interpretation requirements for their next session and to advise whether interpretation in one or two languages may be waived for that particular meeting.

**DOCUMENTS:**

- a) Schedule of sessions of Alternate Representatives for 2000 (distributed 27-03-00)

C/C.01/99-11/PLAN/01/Rev.8

**Item 6 Closure of the session**

The Chairperson is expected to close the session.