

SESSION 97-08 OF COUNCIL
20 October 1997

SUMMARY RECORD

The Council, represented by the Alternate Representatives, met via teleconference on 20 October 1997. The agenda of the Session can be found as Annex "A." Mr. José Luis Samaniego (Mexico) chaired the meeting. Mr. Avrim Lazar and Mr. Bill Nitze represented Canada and the United States, respectively. Mr. Victor Lichtinger, Executive Director of the Secretariat, participated in the session, together with other officials.

Item 1 Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda

The Chair opened the session and, in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (R. 9.6), the Alternate Representatives adopted the formal agenda for the session based on the provisional agenda. Under item no. 4, "Other business" the following sub-items were added: Written report on available funds for 1998 program reorientation, and Chair for the special session of the Council.

Item 2 Special session of the Council

The Alternate Representatives reviewed and made final changes to the general program and the provisional agenda of the special session of the Council. The Secretariat will reflect these changes in the next revision of these documents.

Mexico offered to consolidate the comments that the Parties may have on its draft discussion paper for Council's guidance.

Item 3 Article 14 – Final factual record in relation to the Cruise Ship Pier Project in Cozumel, Quintana Roo

The discussion on that item was postponed to the next Alternate Representatives' session.

Item 4 Other Business

Item 4.1 Written report on available funds for 1998 program reorientation

In response to an inquiry from the Alternate Representatives, the Secretariat indicated that approximately US\$ 800,000 would be available for an environment and trade program at the CEC (including the NAFTA Effects project).

Item 4.2 Chair for the special session of the Council

At Mexico's request, Canada indicated it would consult with Minister Stewart to see whether she would be willing to Chair the special session of the Council.

Item 5 Next session

The Parties agreed to hold their next session at 10:00 AM on 23 October 1997 at the offices of the Secretariat in Montreal.

The Chairperson closed the session at 12:00 PM.

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ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES SESSION 97-08

AGENDA

Held via conference call on

Monday, 20 October 1997, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (Eastern Time)

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM (Mexico Time)

CHAIR: J.L. Samaniego (Mexico)

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