

SUMMARY RECORD

SESSION 99-10 OF ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES

The Council, represented by its Alternate Representatives, met in Montreal on 21-22 October 1999. 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. Mr. Marc Paquin, Council Secretary, acted as secretary of the session. Other officials of the Parties and the Secretariat were also in attendance (see Annex A).

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Council Rules of Procedure, the Alternate Representatives adopted the agenda for the session at the beginning of the session based on the provisional agenda. The agenda, as adopted is attached as Annex B.

Item 2 Report by the Executive Director

In accordance with the Council Rules of Procedure, the Executive Director reported on Secretariat activities, including on the status of Article 14 submissions, and highlighted matters requesting the attention of the Council. The Executive Director's notes are attached as Annex C.

Item 3 Report by the Chair of JPAC

Under this item the JPAC Chair provided an update to the Alternate Representatives on JPAC activities. He outlined some of the items contained in the summary record of JPAC Session 99-04 held on 16-17 September 1999. In his report, the JPAC Chair specifically referred to JPAC's Report to Council 99-04 on the plenary discussion on future initiatives for the CEC's program for 2000-2002; JPAC's Advice 99-11 on the North American Agenda for Action: 2000-2002 proposed program plan for the CEC; JPAC's Advice 99-10 on promoting the involvement of indigenous peoples in the work of the CEC, and; JPAC's Advice 99-12 on methods to improve the public portion of the Council session. The JPAC Chair further stressed the importance that the Parties appoint new members to fill the vacancies on JPAC. The Alternate Representatives indicated that their internal processes were well underway and expected the vacancies could be filled shortly.

The Chair of JPAC also raised the issue of biosafety and the improvement of rapid/short term responses to specific environmental stresses.

Item 4 Adoption of summary records

The Alternate Representatives approved the summary records of sessions 99-08 and 99-00.

Item 5 Update and decisions on CEC financial issues**Item 5.1 1999 and 2000 Contributions**

Based on a proposal from the Secretariat, the Alternate Representatives agreed to use 15 December 1999 as the date on which the exchange rate will be fixed in relation to the 2000 funding of the CEC, as per Council Resolution 99-05.

The Secretariat provided an update on the status of the 1999 contributions of the Parties. The Secretariat reported that Canada and the United States have already fully contributed for 1999, and that Mexico is following its contribution schedule and has contributed US\$2,428,000 thus far in 1999. Mexico indicated that payment of the outstanding US\$500,000 was being wired to the Secretariat.

Item 5.2 Tax refunds

Canada provided an update on its internal review and approval process of the Understanding between the Government of Québec and the CEC concerning Immunities, Tax Privileges and Courtesies. Canada indicated that the situation is very complex and that while there is no resolution as yet, discussions are continuing to try to make progress on this issue.

The issue of tax reimbursement by the U.S. government was not discussed.

Item 5.3 1998 surplus funds

The Secretariat was requested to further review the 1998 year-end financial status and present a revised proposal for consideration by the Alternate Representatives, if needed.

Item 5.4 1996 Surplus Funds

The Alternate representatives adopted Resolution 99-07 on the use of CEC surplus funds from financial year 1996 (Annex D).

Item 5.5 Follow-up to the Efficiency Review By Deloitte & Touche

The Alternate Representatives agreed that, as a general practice, interpretation will be provided in all three languages unless interpretation in one or two languages is expressly waived by the participants in advance of the meeting.

The Alternate Representatives also agreed on the 7-day advance airfare policy outlined in the Executive Director's memo dated 14 September 1999 on the follow-up to the efficiency review report of Deloitte and Touche.

The Alternate Representatives further agreed to review the work and efficiency of all CEC working groups on a rotational basis and agreed to start with the SMOC working group, and followed by the Enforcement Working Group. One purpose of such reviews is to assess whether travel costs supported by the CEC can be reduced without affecting the effectiveness of the groups.

Item 6 Review of 2000-2002 Program Plan

The Alternate Representatives reviewed the Proposed 2000-2002 Program Plan and approved, in principle, various proposed projects for the year 2000. The Parties also agreed to submit specific comments to the Secretariat by the following week, and to continue their review at the November meeting of Alternate Representatives.

Item 7 Children's Health and the Environment

The Secretariat presented a proposal relating to Children's Health and the Environment, developed further to the Council's request in June 1999. The Alternate Representatives asked the Secretariat to contact the Parties' experts in order to develop, before the November session of the Alternate Representatives, a revised proposal that will take into consideration the risks to children's health posed by what they eat, drink and breathe and associated environmental health indicators. The Secretariat's revised proposal will also address required financial resources.

Item 8 NAAEC Articles 14 and 15

Item 8.1 Guidance on the development of factual records

The Alternate Representatives agreed to initiate their discussions on the elaboration of procedures for the development of factual records at their November 1999 session. The Parties will share their views in writing, and the Secretariat will provide a consolidated draft. The Chair of JPAC indicated there should be public input before the procedures are adopted, whether interim or otherwise. In the meantime, the Alternate Representatives further agreed to address, on a case by case basis, any issue that may arise with regard to the preparation of factual records.

Item 8.2 Assertions of confidentiality

The Alternate Representatives deferred discussion on this item to their next session.

Item 9 Transboundary Environmental Impact Assessment

As per the request made by the Council at its Regular Session held in June 1999 in Banff, the Secretariat provided the Alternate Representatives with a Secretariat Summary Report on existing transboundary arrangements at the state/provincial level.

Item 10 Approval of the release of the Public Participation Framework

The Alternate Representatives approved the final Framework for Public Participation and authorized its release to the public.

Item 11. Council's responses to pending public inquiries

Item 11.1 Centro Mexicano de Derecho Ambiental (CEMDA) re: Cozumel factual record

The Alternate Representatives approved the text prepared by the GSC for a joint response to the letter from CEMDA. The letter will be signed by the US Council member, as Chair, on behalf of the Council.

Item 11.2 Alberta Wilderness et al, re: Articles 10(6)(a), 20(3), 21(1)(2) of NAAEC and compliance of Government of Alberta with Articles 3, 4, 20(3)

The Alternate Representatives approved the text prepared by the GSC for a joint response to the letter from Alberta Wilderness et al. The letter will be signed by the US Council member, as Chair, on behalf of the Council.

Item 11.3 Sierra Club of Canada, Council of Canadians, and Greenpeace Canada re: NAFTA Chapter 11 and Suspension of S.D. Myers, Sun Belt Water Inc. and Pope & Talbot Inc.

The Alternate Representatives agreed to further assess the above-mentioned matter.

Item 12 Other issues

No other issues were discussed under this item.

Item 13 Next sessions of Alternate Representatives

The Alternate Representatives confirmed their attendance to the following meetings, to be held in Montreal:

- **Session 99-11 on 18-19 November 1999**

This session will focus on the approval of the revised 2000-2002 Program Plan and approval of any outstanding projects contained in the 2000 Program and Budget. The afternoon of 19 November is to be devoted to joint meetings with PRTR and SMOC representatives.

- **Environment and Trade workshop and Environment and Trade officials' meeting on 13-14 December 1999**

As agreed to by the Alternate Representatives at Session 99-08, a workshop on Environment and Trade will be held on 13 December 1999 at the CEC Secretariat. The workshop will be followed on 14 December by an Environment and Trade officials' meeting pursuant to Article 10(6)

Item 14 Closure of the session

The Chair closed the session.

SESSION 99-10 OF ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES

Montreal, Canada, 21-22 October 1999

Delegations List

CANADA

Alternate Representative Norine Smith, Environment Canada
Christine Guay, Environment Canada
Jenna MacKay-Alie, Environment Canada
Rita Cerutti, Environment Canada
Carol Smith Wright, DFAIT
Denis Langlois, DFAIT
Camille Mageau, Departement of Fisheries and Oceans

MEXICO

Alternate Representative José Luis Samaniego, SEMARNAP
Mario Aguilar, SEMARNAP
Véronique Déli, SEMARNAP
Jurgen Hoth, Mexican Embassy

UNITED STATES

Alternate Representative William Nitze, EPA Office of International Activities
Lorry Frigerio, EPA Office of International Environmental Policy
Anne Rowley, International Environmental Law Office

JPAC

Jonathan Plaut, Chair of JPAC
Manon, Pepin, JPAC Coordinator

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
SESSION 99-10 OF ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES**

To be held at the CEC Secretariat on
Thursday, 21 October 1999 from 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM
and Friday, 22 October from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

- Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda
- Item 2 Report by the Executive Director
- Item 3 Report by the Chair of JPAC
- Item 4 Adoption of summary records
- Item 5 Update and decisions on CEC financial issues
- Item 6 Review of 2000-2002 Program Plan
- Item 7 Children's Health and the Environment
- Item 8 NAAEC Articles 14 and 15
- Item 9 Transboundary Environmental Impact Assessment
- Item 10 Approval of the release of the Public Participation Framework
- Item 11 Council's response to pending public inquiries
- Item 12 Other issues
- Item 13 Next session of Alternate Representatives
- Item 14 Closure of the session

Note: A private dinner for the Alternate Representatives and the Executive Director is scheduled on Thursday evening at 7:30 PM at *Les Continents* restaurant located in the Intercontinental Hotel.

**SESSION 99-10 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 preliminary annotated agenda (distributed 18-10-99) C/C.01/99-10/AGEN/01/Rev.1

Item 2 Report by the Executive Director

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (R. 5.3), the Executive Director may make oral and written statements to the Council. The Executive Director will report on Secretariat activities, including on the status of Article 14 submissions, and highlight matters requesting the attention of the Council.

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Notes from the Executive Director (to be distributed)

Item 3 Report by the Chair of JPAC

Under this item the JPAC Chair will provide an update to the Alternate Representatives on JPAC activities.

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Summary Record of JPAC Session 99-04 held 16-17 September 1999 J/SR/99-04/01
(distributed 12-10-99, along with the following annexes:)
- b) Report to Council 99-04: Summary of plenary discussion on future initiatives for the CEC's program for 2000-2002
- c) JPAC Advice 99-11: North American Agenda for Action: 2000-2002 proposed program plan for the CEC
- d) JPAC Advice 99-10: Promoting the involvement of indigenous peoples in the work of the CEC
- e) JPAC Advice 99-12: Methods to Improve the Public Portion of the Council Session

Item 4 Adoption of summary records

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (R.11), the Executive Director prepared the summary records of Alternate Representatives sessions. Speakers may submit corrections to the summary records of their remarks before they are finally approved by the Council (R.11). The Alternate Representatives are expected to review and approve summary records of sessions 99-08, 99-09 and 99-00.

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Session 99-08 Summary Record (distributed 24-08-99) C/C.01/99-08/SR/01/Rev.6
- b) Session 99-00 Summary Record (distributed 7-10-99) C/C.01/99-00/SR/01/Rev.4
- c) Session 99-09 Summary Record (distributed 18-10-99) C/C.01/99-09/SR/01
- d) Memo from JPAC Chair dated 14 July 1999 re: amendments to Guidelines
on Article 14 and 15 of NAAEC discussed at Session 99-08 (distributed 15-07-99)

Item 5 Update and decisions on CEC financial issues

Under this item the Alternate Representatives are expected to discuss various financial issues and make decisions as appropriate.

Item 5.1 1999 and 2000 Contributions

The Secretariat will provide an update on the status of the Parties' 1999 contributions.

In addition, based on a proposal from the Secretariat, the Alternate Representatives are expected to determine the date on which the exchange rate will be fixed in relation to the 2000 funding of the CEC as per Council Resolution 99-05 (i.e., the date on which the exchange rate will be fixed for the purpose of converting CEC's US\$ 9M agreed upon budget level into Canadian dollars and converting the Parties contributions from Canadian dollars into their own currency, if applicable).

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Quarterly Financial Report – June 1999 (distributed 17-08-99)
- b) Council Resolution 99-05: 2000 Funding of the CEC

Item 5.2 Tax refunds

Pursuant to Council Resolution 95-04, the Secretariat forwarded to the Parties, on 28 April 1999, a revised version of the proposed Understanding between the Government of Québec and the CEC concerning Immunities, Tax Privileges and Courtesies for review and approval. Canada is expected to provide an update on its review and approval process of said Understanding. The Government of Québec is awaiting the signature of the above agreement in order to reimburse to the CEC approximately C\$1,000,000 in sales tax and to formalize the current ad-hoc arrangements regarding provincial health insurance, drivers licenses, English education rights, etc.

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Quarterly Financial Report, June 1999 and accompanying memorandum from the Executive Director dated 17 August 1999, 3rd paragraph (distributed 18-08-99)
- b) Proposed Understanding between the Government of Québec and the CEC concerning immunities, tax privileges and courtesies, 15 April 1999 draft with revisions dated 20 April 1999 (distributed 28-04-99)
- c) Letter dated 17 May 1999 from Environment Canada
- d) Letter dated 15 July 1999 from Semarnap

e) Council Resolution 95-04

Item 5.3 1998 surplus funds

Under this item, the Alternate Representatives are asked to formalize the use of the 1998 surplus funds, as recommended by the Secretariat in the memorandum from the Executive Director dated 17 August 1998 (2nd paragraph).

DOCUMENTS:

a) Quarterly Financial Report, June 1999 and accompanying memorandum from the Executive Director dated 17 August 1999 (distributed 18-08-99)

Item 5.4 1996 Surplus Funds

Under this item, the Alternate Representatives are expected to adopt a resolution to extend the period fixed in Council Resolution 98-13, for the use of 1996 surplus funds.

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Council Resolution 98-13: Use of CEC Surplus Funds from Financial Year 1996
- b) Draft Council Resolution: Use of 1996 surplus funds of the CEC (distributed on 14-10-99)

Item 5.5 Follow-up to the Efficiency Review By Deloitte & Touche

The Secretariat will update the Alternate Representatives on the implementation of the recommendations of the efficiency review conducted by Deloitte & Touche. The Alternate Representatives may wish to comment on the implementation of such recommendations, as appropriate.

DOCUMENTS:

a) Memo dated 14-09-99 from the Executive Director re: Follow up to the Efficiency Review Report—Identification of cost reduction opportunities (distributed 15-09-99)

Item 6. Review of 2000-2002 Program Plan

The Alternate Representatives are expected to review the proposed 2000-2002 Program Plan and approve the 2000 Program and Budget contained therein.

DOCUMENTS:

a) North American Agenda for Action: 2000-2002, Proposed Program Plan for the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation, 14 September 1999 (distributed on 15-09-99)

Item 7 Children's Health and the Environment

Under this item, the Secretariat will present a proposal relating to Children's Health and the

Environment, developed further to the Council's request in June 1999.

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Memo dated 8 October 1999 from the Executive Director and proposed table of contents re: Report on Pesticide Use and Children's Environmental Health in North America (distributed 8-10-99)

Item 8 NAAEC Articles 14 and 15

Item 8.1 Guidance on the development of factual records

The Alternate Representatives are expected to discuss the scope and calendar relating to the elaboration of guidance for the development of factual records, including the consideration of interim guidelines.

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Issues paper: A Policy for the CEC Secretariat with respect to the preparation of factual records under Article 15 of NAAEC (distributed by Canada on 13-10-99)
- b) Secretariat's Internal Procedures for Preparing Factual records (distributed 18-05-99)
- c) Memo dated 28 September 1999 from CEC's Executive Director to Alternate Representatives re: Revised Guidelines for Article 14 citizen submissions (distributed 28-09-99)

Item 8.2 Assertions of confidentiality

The Alternate Representatives are expected to discuss the issues raised in a memo from the Executive Director dated 14 October 1999 on assertions of confidentiality under the Article 14 process.

- d) Memo dated 14 October 1999 from Executive Director to Alternate Representatives re: Additional Item for Agenda (distributed 14-10-99)

Item 9 Transboundary Environmental Impact Assessment

As per the request made by the Council at its Regular Session held in June 1999 in Banff, the Secretariat will provide the Alternate Representatives with a Secretariat Brief on existing transboundary arrangements at the state/provincial level. The Alternate Representatives may also want to discuss next steps.

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Secretariat Briefing Note on TEIA (to be distributed)
- b) Memorandum dated 21 September 1999 from the United States to Canada (distributed by the US on 23-9-99)

Item 10 Approval of the release of the Public Participation Framework

At its Regular Session held in June 1999 in Banff, the Council approved, in principal, the draft “Framework for Public Participation in CEC Activities”, subject to a linguistic review to be conducted by the Parties. As directed by the Alternate Representatives at Session 99-08, a working group was convened to finalize the framework in light of the Parties’ comments. The Alternate Representatives are expected to take note of the status of the linguistic review and, if appropriate, approve the final Framework for Public Participation and authorize its release to the public.

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Draft Public Participation Framework, revision 9 (to be distributed)

Item 11. Council’s responses to pending public inquiries

The Alternate Representatives are expected to discuss process and/or finalize the Council’s responses relating to inquiries received from the public.

Item 11.1 Centro Mexicano de Derecho Ambiental (CEMDA) re: Cozumel factual record

Pursuant to their last session, the Alternate Representatives are expected to review a proposal from Mexico to respond to CEMDA’s enquiry.

DOCUMENT(S):

- a) Letter from CEMDA dated 10 November 1998 (distributed 25-11-98)
- b) April 14th, May 10th and May 17th, 1999 draft responses (distributed 27-8-99)
- c) Mexico’s proposals (to be distributed)

Item 11.2 Alberta Wilderness et al, re: Articles 10(6)(a), 20(3), 21(1)(2) of NAAEC and compliance of Government of Alberta with Articles 3, 4, 20(3)

Pursuant to their last session, the Alternate Representatives are expected to review the proposal from Canada to respond to the enquiry from Alberta Wilderness et al.

DOCUMENT(S):

- a) Letter from Alberta Wilderness et al. dated 8 March 1999 (distributed 10-3-99)
- b) Acknowledgement of receipt from Canada’s Minister of the Environment dated 10 May 1999
- c) Revised draft Canadian discussion paper and draft response (distributed 18-10-99)

Item 11.3 Sierra Club of Canada, Council of Canadians, and Greenpeace Canada re: NAFTA Chapter 11 and Suspension of S.D. Myers, Sun Belt Water Inc. and Pope & Talbot Inc.

Pursuant to their last session, the Alternate Representatives are expected to assess whether a joint response from the Council is warranted in light of the responses already sent by Canada.

DOCUMENT(S):

- a) 4 May 1999 electronic version of letter from the Sierra Club of Canada, Council of Canadians, and Greenpeace Canada (faxed 18-10-99)
- b) Response from Canada's Minister for International Trade dated 14 May 1999
- c) Response from Canada's Minister of the Environment dated 9 June 1999
- d) Letter from Sierra Club of Canada, Council of Canadians, and Greenpeace Canada dated 17 September 1998
- e) Response from CEC Council dated 1 December 1998
- f) Letter from CEC Council to FTC dated 1 December 1998

Item 12 Other issues

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

Item 13 Next sessions of Alternate Representatives

Attendance of the Alternate Representatives to the following meetings, to be held in Montreal, has been confirmed:

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Proposed schedule of sessions of Alternate Representatives C/C.01/98-08/PLAN/01/Rev.5

Item 13.1 Session 99-11 on 18-19 November 1999

This session will focus on the approval of the revised 2000-2002 Program Plan and approval of any outstanding projects contained in the 2000 Program and Budget. The afternoon of 19 November is to be devoted to a joint meeting with PRTR experts.

Item 13.2 Environment and Trade workshop and Environment and Trade officials' meeting on 13-14 December 1999

As agreed to by the Alternate Representatives at Session 99-08, a workshop on Environment and Trade has been convened for 13 December 1999 at the CEC Secretariat. The workshop will be followed on 14 December by an Environment and Trade officials' meeting pursuant to Article 10(6)

Item 14 Closure of the session

The Chairperson is expected to close the session.

Notes for Report of the Executive Director
Meeting of the Alternate Representatives
October 21-22,1999

Follow-up to Council Meeting

- As a follow up to the Minister's request that the Secretariat develop a proposal for examining pesticides as a potential issue to address in the context of children's health and the environment, a draft table of contents was forwarded to the Parties. The Secretariat briefly considered other issues related to children's health and the environment including lead, tobacco, indoor air quality, urban air quality, and water quality.
- The Secretariat is forwarding to the Parties a draft report providing a base of information regarding current practices relevant to TEIA among the border states and provinces. The Parties are asked to review this report and identify additional information to be included in the report which might be helpful to the Parties as they begin to determine next steps in developing a formal agreement.

Program

- The Secretariat submitted to Council for its review and approval the proposed Three-Year program plan on Sept.14, 1999.
- Organization of the Trade and Environment workshop is well underway. Attached please find list of invitees and agenda.
- Phase II of the Mercury Regional Action Plan was released for public comments on August 17, 1999. Closing date for public comments is October 22, 1999. The SMOC Working Group will review and consider the comments as they finalize the Mercury NARAP. Council will be able to release the finalized NARAP in February 2000.
- The Secretariat released the market study on shade coffee : « Measuring Consumer Interest in Mexican Shade-Coffee » at a press event at Café Rico in Montreal.

SEM-Article 14 and 15

- As noted in my memo to the Alt. Representatives of September 28, 1999 the Secretariat has been implementing the revised guidelines.
- The Secretariat is making considerable progress in processing, reviewing and taking action on the outstanding submissions. Attached please find an update on the status of submissions.

- The Secretariat has received two submissions recently. On October 15th, the *Instituto de Derecho Ambiental* filed a revised submission concerning the explosions in the city of Guadalajara. On October 17, Methanex Corporation filed a submission alleging failure to enforce environmental regulations concerning underground storage tanks in California.

NAFEC

- Twenty-five grants were announced on October 18, 1999. Attached please find a list of grants approved by the NAFEC committee.

Communications

- Please welcome Charles Dickson who will be directing the communications group.
- The Secretariat is preparing for Council's review a letter for the 1998 Annual Report to be signed by the Ministers. The Parties and JPAC will receive the annual report for their review mid-November 1999.

Administration and Finance

- The Secretariat has further initiated actions to implement the efficiency and effectiveness recommendations made by Deloitte and Touche. They were forwarded to the Alternate Representatives on September 14, 1999.
- As a follow-up to Resolution 99-05, the Secretariat proposes that December 15th be the date at which the exchange rate is finalized.
- Attached please find an advance English copy of the September financial report.
- Searches are underway for replacements for : Sarah Richardson who has left the CEC Secretariat, and Martha Rosas and Jack Person who are leaving in December and November respectively. Erica Phipps, program manager for the North American PRTR program will be joining us November 1.

Montreal, 22 October 1999

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 99-07

Use of Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) Surplus Funds from Financial Year 1996

THE COUNCIL:

CONSCIOUS of the need to ensure the proper use of the financial resources of the CEC at all times, and that these may be leveraged with the incorporation of, or access to, other resources from various institutions and organizations;

RECALLING that on 26 June 1998 in Mérida, it was resolved (Resolution 98-13) that the surplus funds from financial year 1996 be used in support of the capacity building components of the Sound Management of Chemicals (SMOC) initiative, as outlined in a comprehensive workplan being developed by the SMOC Working Group with the assistance of the Secretariat; and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the SMOC Working Group requested of the Alternate Representatives, in a memo of 26 May 1999, that those surplus funds from 1996 which, in June of 1998, were allocated to development of capacity-building in support of the SMOC initiative, be retained and reserved for capacity-building needs, and gave its support to the joint CEC/International Development Research Center (IDRC) project, as well as the corresponding CEC/Global Environment Facility (GEF) project, both of them concerning alternatives to the use of DDT.

HEREBY:

AUTHORIZES and DIRECTS the Secretariat, in conformity with the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation and the CEC Council Rules of Procedure, notwithstanding Financial Rules 5.3, 5.4 and 5.6 and Resolutions 98-10 and 98-13, that those resources covered by Resolution 98-13 that are not disbursed for the above-mentioned purposes before 31 December 1999 shall be used by the CEC to support the capacity-building components of the SMOC initiative until 30 June 2000; and

FURTHER AUTHORIZES and DIRECTS that any funds not disbursed for the above-mentioned purposes before 30 June 2000 shall be allocated as determined by the Council.

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL:

Government of Canada
By: Norine Smith

Government of the United States of America
By: William A. Nitze

Government of the United States of Mexico
By: José Luis Samaniego