

**SESSION 99-06 OF ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES**  
23 June 1999

**SUMMARY RECORD**

The Council, represented by its Alternate Representatives, met via teleconference on 23 June 1999. Ms. Norine Smith (Canada) chaired the meeting. Mr. José Luis Samaniego and Mr. William Nitze represented Mexico and the United States, respectively. Ms. Janine Ferretti, Executive Director, represented the Secretariat. Mr. Jonathan Plaut, JPAC Chair, represented the JPAC. Mr. Marc Paquin, Council Secretary, acted as the secretary of the session. Other officials of the Parties and the Secretariat also participated.

**Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted at the beginning of the session.

**Item 2 Report by the Executive Director**

In the interest of time, the Executive Director did not make any report.

**Item 3 Report by the Chair of JPAC**

The Chair of JPAC congratulated the Executive Director on her appointment. He then focused his remarks on the Articles 14 and 15 guidelines review process, reiterating that the JPAC advice to Council is that there be no changes to the Guidelines at this time.

**Item 4 1999 Regular Session of the Council**

In preparation for the Regular Session of the Council, the Alternate Representatives exchanged views on the draft resolutions to be submitted for Council's review and approval, namely:

- Upper San Pedro Initiative: United States to circulate proposed revised language by end of the day.
- North American Bird Conservation Initiative: Reference to three pilot sites to be deleted.
- NARAP for dioxins and furans, and hexachlorobenzene: Secretariat to submit a revised version, for the Parties' consideration, taking into account their comments.
- 2000 Funding of the CEC: United States to circulate proposed revised language.

The Alternate Representatives also had a preparatory discussion on various items of the Council's agenda, such as:

- NAAEC Article 10(6) progress report: Canada indicated that final adjustments are being integrated to the report.

- Framework for Public Participation: United States and Mexico to provide their comments by 24 June 1999.
- State of the Environment Report: To be discussed at next Alternate Representatives meeting in Banff.
- Shared North American Priorities and Opportunities for Joint Action: Agreed that the Secretariat's informal note will not serve as the basis for the Council's discussion.

The Alternate Representatives also indicated that policy issues related to the following topics will be raised by one Council member or another in Banff: TEIA; Taking Stock Report, and health and environment linkages.

#### **Item 5      Revision of Articles 14 and 15 guidelines and process for developing factual records**

In preparation for the Council session, the Parties exchanged their views on the revision of Articles 14 and 15 Guidelines and the process for developing factual records. They acknowledged that discussions are continuing on narrowing down the outstanding issues related to the revision of Articles 14 and 15 Guidelines. They also noted that no common text would be prepared to facilitate the Council's discussion on the process for developing factual records.

#### **Item 6      Other issues**

The United States requested more time to review the résumé of the selected Communications Coordinator.

#### **Item 7      Scheduling of next session of Alternate Representatives**

The Alternate Representatives agreed to meet next on Saturday, 26 June in Banff.

#### **Item 8      Closure of the session**

The Chair closed the session.

Prepared by Marc Paquin, Council Secretary