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**Commission for Environmental Cooperation of North America**

**Regular Session of the Joint Public Advisory Committee 05-04  
Roundtables on Assessing the Environmental Effects of Trade in North America**

**November 29, 2005**

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*The JPAC Public Meeting is organized in conjunction with the Third North American Symposium on Assessing the Environmental Effects of Trade: Investment, Growth and the Environment to be held on November 30 – December 1, in the same location. The purpose of the JPAC Meeting will be to engage in a discussion with different stakeholders, on the effects that liberalized trade has had on the environment in North America.*

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**Draft Provisional Agenda**

**Meeting room: Regence A**

**Tuesday November 29, 2005**

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| 8:00 – 9:00  | Registration of Participants  |
| 9:00 – 9:10  | Welcome and opening remarks by the JPAC Chair, Jane Gardner<br>a) Approval of the Provisional Agenda  |
| 9:10 – 9:30  | Report from the National and Governmental Advisory Committee Representatives  |
| 9:30 – 9:50  | Report from the CEC Secretariat by the Executive Director, William V. Kennedy   |
| 9:50 – 10:10 | Presentation on the CEC Strategic Plan - Environment, Economy and Trade, by the Head of the Program, Chantal Line Carpentier, and brief introduction of the Symposium |
| 10:10 -11:10 | <b>Session # 1: Environmental Stewardship of Procurement Policies – <u>Renewable Energy</u></b> – Moderated by Dinker Desai, JPAC Member for the US                   |

**Objective:** *Procurement policies towards green purchasing have become increasingly important in creating markets for environmental products and services. In the specific case of renewable energy; consumers currently have access to a broad range of alternatives to conventional power sources. During this session the panelists will provide the audience with specific examples of how environmental stewardship of such policies is contributing and promoting to increase the use of renewable energy in North America.*

**Panelists:**

- **Scott McDougall** – Terra Choice
- **Eduardo Rincón** – Universidad Autónoma de la Ciudad de México
- **Shaunna Morgan** – CIER
- **Ron Alward** – RETScreen International
- **Lars Kvale** – Center for Resource Solutions
- **Carlos Gottfried** – Asociación Mexicana de Energía Ecológica

11:10 – 11:30

Question and Answer Period

11:30 – 12:30

**Session # 2: Submissions on Enforcement Matters – Follow up to factual records** – Moderated by Irene Henriques, JPAC Member for Canada

**Objective:** *The submission process of North America's Commission for Environmental Cooperation, with its international character and its granting of authority to non-governmental actors to initiate the process, is the first of its kind in the world. In this session, you will be party to experiences of individuals who have gone through the process (including the publication of a factual record) and learn about other mechanisms that non-government actors can employ to gain access to information about follow-up to factual records and other environmental information*

- Brief introduction to the discussion by the CEC SEM Unit Director, **Geoff Garver**

**Panelists:**

- **Gustavo Alanis Ortega** – Centro Mexicano de Derecho Ambiental
- **Randy Christensen** – Sierra Legal

- **Kimberly Leach** – Office of the Auditor General of Canada
- **John Knox** - Dickinson School of Law

12:30 – 12:50

Question and Answer Period

12:50 – 13:50

Lunch [provided - will be served in room Regence B]

13:50 – 14:50

**Session # 3: Market-based Drivers for Sustainable Development** – Moderated by Nelly Correa, JPAC Member for Mexico

**Objective:** *Market based drivers, along with national and regional policies can provide both the incentives and disincentives required for achieving sustainable development in North America. Panelists for this session will provide different perspectives to assist us in our discussions towards gaining a better understanding of the contributions and limitations of economic instruments in the context of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation.*

**Panelists:**

- **Howard Mann** – Institute for Sustainable Development
- **Carlos Muñoz Piña** – Instituto Nacional de Ecología
- **Helen Sahi** – Bank of America

14:50 – 15:10

Question and Answer Period

15:10 – 16:00

Summary and discussion on each of the roundtables on behalf of JPAC Members

16:00 – 17:00

JPAC Follow-up and Administrative Matters

- a) Results of the election of the new Chair for 2006
- b) The JPAC Strategic Plan 2006-2010 – Review of comments received to date on the Draft for Public Comment
- c) CEC Budget Situation
- d) Next JPAC Meeting in Vancouver
- e) Discussion of 2006 JPAC Priorities and other Meetings
- f) JPAC Working Groups: Member appointment and rotation
- g) Review responses to JPAC letters and Advice to Council

17:00 – 17:30

Observer's comments

17:30

End of the Session