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Minister of the Environment (Canada)

Licenciado Victor Lichtinger
Secretary, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Semarnat)

Governor Christine Todd Whitman
Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency

Re: World Summit on Sustainable Development

Dear Council Members:

During our second in-camera session with Council held on 19 June we were disappointed to learn that Council had made a final decision that the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) of North America not be directly represented at the upcoming World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD).

As was explained, however, the US EPA will be organizing a special side event during the Summit. We would strongly urge that the many successful initiatives of the CEC be highlighted in the program of this side event drawing, for example on the DDT North American Regional Action Plan in Mexico, the Shade coffee initiative, the North American Pollutant Release and Transfer Register, the Article 13 on San Pedro and Electricity Market, and of course, the Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC) as a vehicle for public participation.

Sincerely,

Jon Plaut
JPAC Chair 2002

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CEC Acting Executive Director
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JPAC members