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Ms. Donna Tingley  
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Dear Ms. Tingley:

On behalf of the Council of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) and the Alternate Representatives, I would like to thank the Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC) for its letter to Council dated April 13, 2004, concerning the Maize and Biodiversity Symposium in Oaxaca.

The Council received a draft of the report *Maize and Biodiversity: The Effects of Transgenic Maize in Mexico: Key Findings and Recommendations* in May, which was circulated to the Parties who provided their comments on the draft to the Secretariat. We understand the Advisory Group received these comments for consideration and then prepared the final report. The Council received the final report on September 14, 2004, and initiated its review. Consistent with Article 13.3, the Council made the report publicly available on November 8, which was within the 60-day guideline.

The Council genuinely values the advice and input we receive from the JPAC members. I appreciate your continuing participation in the mission of the CEC.

Yours sincerely,

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Alternate Representative for Canada

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