

SESSION 04-02 OF ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES

SUMMARY RECORD

The Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) Council, represented by its Alternate Representatives, met via conference call on 11 and 18 June 2004. Mr. José Manuel Bulás (Mexico) chaired the meeting. Ms. Norine Smith and Mr. Jerry Clifford represented Canada and the United States, respectively. Ms. Donna Tingley, represented the Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC) and Mr. William Kennedy, CEC Executive Director, represented the Secretariat. Ms. Julie-Anne Bellefleur, Council Secretary, acted as secretary for the session. Other officials of the Parties and the Secretariat were also in attendance.

Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

The Alternate Representatives adopted the agenda based on the provisional agenda (Annex A)

Item 2 2004 Regular Session of Council

The Alternate Representatives reviewed the provisional agenda for their regular session to be held on 21 June and agreed that the discussion during this meeting should focus specifically on items to be addressed by the Council the following day and to defer any other items relating to the work program to a subsequent meeting in the course of the summer. They concurred with the latest drafts of the annotated agenda and general program for the Council Session as the final versions. Considering that Council members will officially open the session during the welcoming reception, the Alternate Representatives agreed, at Canada's suggestion, that simultaneous interpretation should be provided in the three languages on this occasion.

Referring to the Transboundary Environmental Impact Assessment (TEIA), they agreed on the need to discuss the status of negotiations of a tri-partite agreement at their next session. To that effect, they undertook to ask their respective lead negotiators to touch base on this issue in advance of the Council Session.

The Alternate Representatives exchanged views on the draft Puebla Declaration and directed the General Standing Committee to work toward finalizing the text. They agreed that the issuance of a news release as a cover note to the declaration would be useful in order to convey key messages and acknowledgments. To that effect, they asked the Secretariat to provide them with a draft for their review at their next session.

Item 3 Other issues

No other issues were discussed.

Item 4 Next session of Alternate Representatives

The Alternate Representatives agreed to meet in Puebla on 21 June 2004 in order to finalize the draft Puebla Declaration.

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DRAFT AGENDA**

Held via conference call on Friday, 11 June 2004
from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., Eastern time (12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Mexico time)
Dial-in number: 514-392-3301 (access code 8671830#)

Chair: Mexico

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Item 1 Adoption of the agenda

The Alternate Representatives shall adopt the agenda.

Documents:

- a) Draft agenda for Session 04-04, Rev.1 (distributed 10/06/2004)

Item 2 2004 Regular Session of Council

The Alternate Representatives are expected to exchange views on the status of the draft Puebla Declaration and press release to be issued at the Council Session in June.

They are also expected to review and finalize the agenda and general program for the Council Session and the agenda for their meeting to be held on 21 June 2004 in Puebla.

Document(s):

- a) Revised version of draft Puebla declaration (distributed by Canada and Mexico on 10/06/2004)
- b) Draft Puebla declaration (distributed by US 8/06/2004)
- c) Draft press release (to be distributed by Canada)
- d) Final TRAC report and recommendations (to be distributed 11/06/2004)
- e) General Program for Council Session and side events, rev. 8 (distributed 10/06/2004)
- f) Annotated agenda for Council Session, rev.6 (distributed 10/06/2004)
- g) US comments to the annotated agenda for Session 04-04 of Alternate Representatives (distributed 10/06/2004)

Item 3 Other issues

At the time of writing, no other issues were proposed for discussion.

Item 4 Next session of Alternate Representatives

The Alternate Representatives are expected to confirm the date of their next session to be held via conference call on Friday, 18 June 2004 (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Eastern time).