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Re: Reply to CEC Alternate Representatives' letter on the review of the operation of Council Resolution 00-09, dated 4 June 2004, and preparation of the 2004 Council Session

Dear Alternate Representatives:

I have received your letter of 4 June 2004, concerning Council's review of the operation of Council Resolution 00-09. While I appreciate that you would like to have your final report available in time for the 2004 Council Session, you can appreciate that it is simply not realistic to expect the Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC) to review the document and collectively provide our comments, and supply a comprehensive response in two working days. I will, therefore, be asking the members to be prepared to discuss this draft report with you during the Puebla meeting.

Furthermore, I understand that the Alternate Representatives and the Secretariat will be conducting two conference calls on 11 and 18 June to prepare for the upcoming Council meeting in Puebla, Mexico.

It has been my understanding that the chair of JPAC participates in CEC meetings and conference calls of the Alternate Representatives and the Secretariat. Given JPAC's absence from the recent retreat in Mexico and now from further planning sessions for the Council meeting, I feel it necessary, on behalf of JPAC, to express a growing concern that we are missing important opportunities for collaborative discussions at this critical time in the history of the institution.

I look forward to your response

Yours truly,

Donna Tingley
JPAC Chair for 2004

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