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Minister of Environment, Canada

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Dear Council members:

The Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC) was copied on the 5 August 2005 memorandum to you from the Secretariat, concerning the preparation of an Article 13 report on case studies on transboundary environmental impact assessment (TEIA).

On behalf of JPAC I have been asked to convey to you our enthusiasm and to urge you to support the Secretariat's initiative.

In past JPAC Advice to Council and in several conversations with Council during our annual in-camera sessions, we have underscored the importance of moving to conclude an agreement on TEIA. The specific proposals and objectives recently identified by Canada, Mexico and the United States to begin implementing the Security and Prosperity Partnership, have also underscored the importance of TEIA. This adds another essential dimension to the undertaking in NAAEC Article 10(7). As indicated in the Secretariat's memo, an Article 13 report would inform and complement this work.

JPAC is confident that the Secretariat will produce a competent and balanced report and agrees with the case study approach. When scoping projects to include among the case studies, we would ask that attention be paid to ensuring that experiences that indigenous peoples have had with transboundary matters be addressed.

We would be pleased to assist in any way, including identifying a JPAC member to sit on the Advisory Board that will likely be established to assist in guiding the development of the report.

Sincerely,

Jane Gardner  
JPAC Chair for 2005

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