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Ms. Donna Tingley  
 Joint Public Advisory Committee  
 Chair for 2004  
 Commission for Environmental Cooperation  
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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 recent Advice 04-03 and its comments related to the "Report on the Council Review of the operation of Council Resolution 00-09."

We are pleased that the JPAC supports the Council's intention to maintain Council Resolution 00-09 which allows any Party, the Secretariat, members of the public through the JPAC or the JPAC itself to raise issues concerning the implementation or further elaboration of Articles 14 and 15 of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (NAAEC) in accordance with the process set out in Council Resolution 00-09.

We have taken note of the JPAC's recommendations. When making decisions related to Articles 14 and 15, the Council will continue to exercise its various responsibilities in accordance with the terms of the NAAEC and, in doing so, continue to consider the advice provided by the JPAC on such matters. As we have indicated in the past, we are also committed to supporting public participation, transparency and a strong citizen submission process, and will continue to seek JPAC's advice and collaboration in doing so.

We have also noted your reference to Article 16(4) of the NAAEC, and your intention to conduct your own review of the operation and effectiveness of Council Resolution 00-09 in 2006.

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Finally, regarding the "Report on the Council Review of the operation of Council Resolution 00-09," I would like to inform JPAC that the finalized version will be sent to the CEC Secretariat and posted on the CEC Web site in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,



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