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The Honourable David Anderson, P.C., M.P.
Minister of the Environment
Les Terrasses de la Chaudière
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RE: Canadian Intergovernmental Agreement regarding the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation

Dear Minister Anderson,

It was a pleasure meeting with you during the Regular Session of Council of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) of North America last month in Washington, D.C.

My predecessor wrote to you on 14 April 2000 concerning the lack of additional provinces signing the Canadian Intergovernmental Agreement regarding the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation.

At the meeting in Washington, the Joint Public Advisory Committee discussed the limitations this lack of engagement continues to create in Canada for many of the CEC's programs, notably the Law and Policy work.

May I ask for an update on progress towards soliciting the involvement of the remaining Canadian provinces?

Respectfully,

Gustavo Alanís-Ortega
JPAC Chair for 2003

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