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RE: Networking Session organized in the context of the 2004 June Council Regular Session

On behalf of the Alternate Representatives, I would like to thank the JPAC for suggesting that a networking session for the public take place at the 11th regular session of the CEC Council, and that the results of the session be presented to the Council at the public meeting the morning of 22nd of June.

We find this networking session a valuable communication mechanism, since it provides an additional perspective from the public on North American environmental issues that the public is concerned about. Together with the participation of the individuals that will give oral presentations on a range of topics related to the future of the CEC, the report of the networking session will provide an interesting trilateral perspective.

Given that each of the individual oral presentations will take 5 minutes, we would prefer that the representative selected to present the results of the networking session also adhere to this amount of time for the intervention.

We also take this opportunity to thank you for informing us about the updated agenda for the public workshop on Future Directions of the NAAEC and the issues of discussion in the plenary session.

We are encouraged that the discussions in the public workshop will contribute to a very productive Council Session in Puebla, which in turn will foster a more cooperative environmental agenda for North America, and we appreciate JPAC's interest to accomplish this.

Sincerely,


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