

22 February 2006

COUNCIL RESOLUTION: 06-01

Extension of deadline for use of 2005 funds

THE COUNCIL:

NOTWITHSTANDING Rules 5.3 and 5.4 of the Financial Rules of the CEC;

HEREBY DECIDES that funds committed as of 31 December 2005 for the completion of the activities described in the attached memorandum will continue to be available after 28 February 2006 until the dates specified for each such Activity in that same memorandum.

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL:

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Memorandum

DATE: 22 February 2006

A / PARA / TO: Alternate Representatives

DE / FROM: Executive Director

OBJET / ASUNTO /RE: Request for extension of 2005 funds

The Secretariat would like to submit, for the Parties' consideration, a request to extend the 28 February 2006 financial deadline for expenditures totaling C\$216,750 committed as of 31 December 2005, distributed below.

Information for Decision-Making

North American Environmental Atlas (C\$10,000)

1.1.2.4. - Make existing and new key datasets compatible with the North American Atlas Framework.

- Extend the use of C\$10,000 till 30 April 2006 for the organization of the meeting "Mapping Terrestrial Ecoregions – Level III" in Newport, Oregon (4-7 April 2006). The meeting was rescheduled to alleviate the heavy work load on the Secretariat's Meeting Services staff due to other delays noted in this document

North American Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (C\$28,000)

1.1.4.4. - Complete and publish Special Feature report on Children and Toxic Substances.

- Extend the use of C\$28,000 till March 31 for the translation, printing and distribution of the "Special Report on Toxic Chemicals and Children's Health in North America," delayed due to an extended review period and the recent publication of the children's health report on indicators.

Capacity Building

Partnerships for Integrated Environmental Management (C\$25,000)

2.1.2.1. - Clean Electronics Pollution Prevention Partnership

- Extend the use of C\$25,000 till 31 March 2006 for the organization of a workshop on Clean Electronics Pollution Prevention Partnership (CEP3) to solicit feed-back from electronics industry representatives, trade associations, all levels of government, and non-

governmental organizations on the options of implementation. This workshop was to take place in Montreal on 24 February 2006. It will now be held on 28 March 2006 jointly with JPAC in Vancouver to improve the level of participation and to achieve cost efficiencies.

Sound Management of Chemicals (C\$45,450)

Extend the use of C\$45,450 until April 30, 2006 for contract, travel, meetings and publication of delayed SMOC/EM&A initiatives, as described below:

1.1.5.6. Support to Maternal Blood Monitoring project

- Blood monitoring support for sampling of mothers blood in Mexico by Instituto Nacional de Salud Publica, delayed as a consequence of lack of donor mothers who meet the age criteria, thus requiring more time to sample. Completion by April. (\$4,500)

1.1.5.7. North American Environmental Monitoring Workshop

- 1.1.5.7. (travel & meetings \$14,000), 8.1.1.2. (travel & meetings \$1,300), and 8.1.1.3. (travel & meetings \$3,000) for the EM&A workshop delayed to April. (\$18,300)

8.1.1.3. Support to NARAPs

- Extension for consultant contract to support the delayed EM&A initiative above. (\$15,050)
- Extension for consultant contract to support the delayed EM&A initiative above. (\$7,600)

Trade and Environment

Extend the use of C\$91,300 till 30 April 2006 for the translation, printing and distribution of documentation corresponding to the projects listed below:

Renewable Energy (\$29,400)

These activities were delayed due to the fact that the Renewable Energy Experts Committee (REEC) was established late in 2005 and the project implementation started only after the REEC first conference call held on 24 August 2005.

3.1.2.2. Renewable Energy Resource Mapping

- Translation of mapping document (\$4,400)
- Editing and translation of the Mapping meeting proceedings (\$6,000)

3.1.2.5. Baseline assessment of voluntary government programs in Canada

- Editing and translation of the REEC meeting proceedings, including the White Paper (\$14,000)

3.1.2.6. Calculating environmental benefits of renewable energy

- Translation of the WRI report (\$5,000)

Assessment of NAFTA (\$37,900)

These activities were delayed due to extension of the review period for the proceedings.

3.1.1.1 Publish proceedings from 2003 Symposium

- Present results to selected universities (\$900)

3.1.1.6. Host the third public Symposium on Trade and Investment

- Production and distribution of proceedings (including CD production) (\$37,000)

NAGPI (\$24,000)

These activities were delayed because of the late approval of the implementation plan for NAGPI. Activities began only in September 2005 after all comments on the plan were received from the Parties.

3.1.3.4. Initiate implementation of the master plan as approved by the Parties

- Translation of received material from NAGPI subcommittees, presentation of the material and distribution (\$10,000)
- Editing and translation of the Miami meeting resulting fact sheets and other materials (\$11,000)

3.1.3.6. Develop assessment and information sharing tools

- Translation of ECOSAT (\$3,000)

Trade and Enforcement of Environmental Laws(C\$12,000)

Extend the use of C\$12,000 till 30 April 2006 for the following activities:

3.1.4.2. Provide training to customs and other law enforcement officials

- Translate draft e-learning tool to Spanish and French to enable review by inspectors in Mexico and Quebec. (\$7,000). The Secretariat established a government focus group which met in November to review the draft training and provide suggested changes to the Secretariat. The Secretariat is finalizing these changes and would like to translate them for users in Mexico and Quebec. This project was delayed several months in order to accommodate government schedules in establishing the Focus Group meeting.

3.1.4.3. Build capacity in legal and judicial systems to support effective enforcement of environmental laws

- Create a record of the conference on Innovative Ideas for Securing Compliance with Environmental Laws: A North American Perspective, held in Washington on 18-19 January 2006. This will be done with savings from lower than expected airfares for speakers traveling to Washington for the conference. (\$5,000)

Disclosure of Environmental Information (C\$5,000)

8.1.5.1. Disclosure of Environmental Information

- Extend the use of C\$5,000 until April 15, 2006 for delayed travel and publication costs related to Disclosure of Environmental Information promotion activities. Outreach and distribution of CEC Financing and Environment material will occur at the upcoming annual CERES meeting on April 5-6, 2006 and at the Globe conference on March 29-31, 2006. These funds were set aside to attend the UNEP Global Forum in New York and the Canadian Financial Network meeting last fall, but the trips were cancelled due to a budget freeze imposed at that time.