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"THREE COUNTRIES. ONE ENVIRONMENT."

#### **Enhancing the Relevance of the CEC**

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### **Overview**

Commission for Environmental Cooperation
Strategic Planning
Information Inputs for Strategic Planning
Enhancing the Relevance of the CEC



### **Commission for Environmental Cooperation**

# Council

### Secretariat

JPAC



# **Strategic Planning**

Defines vision, mission, goals

Provides framework for planning cooperative activities

Clarifies roles and responsibilities



# **Strategic Planning**

#### **Current Strategic Plan**

- Information for Decision-Making
- Capacity Building
- Trade and Environment

#### Next Strategic Plan: 2010-2015

### **Information Inputs**

NAFTA Effects, State of Environment & Outlook

National Environmental Priorities

**Public/Stakeholder Participation** 

**Program Evaluation** 

2010-2015 CEC Strategic Plan



### NAFTA, SOE & Outlook

Three separate activities, but with obvious linkages:

**Assessment of NAFTA**: What are the environmental effects of trade in North America?

**State of the Environment (SOE)**: Based on the best information on current North American environmental conditions, what are the key challenges and opportunities for cooperation?

**Outlook Conference**: What are the major pressures, forces and trends that will significantly impact the quality of the North American environment in the future?



# **National Environmental Priorities**

We have organizational structure to provide this:

Council

Alternate Representatives, General Standing Committee National Advisory Committees, Governmental Advisory Committees



### **Public/Stakeholder Participation**

We have mechanisms to provide this:

Consultation/Transparency Joint Public Advisory Committee Citizen Submissions on Environmental Matters Working groups



### **Program Evaluation**

By the end of the current Strategic Plan:

Has the CEC been effective in defining and achieving its goals and objectives?

What are the success stories from the cooperative work plan?

What adjustments are necessary?



### **Enhancing the Relevance of the CEC**

Re-orient Information for decision-making

> Ongoing Environmental Assessment of NAFTA

State of the Environment

Recommendations

Art. 13 reports

Working Groups

Align Capacity Building to SOE

Use market to promote improvements or mitigate adverse impacts Trade and Environment



# **My Three Council Meetings**

#### Mandate for:

- State of the Environment
- Outlook Conference

SOE: Issue Framework Outlook Conference Results Framework SOE: Challenges and Opportunities for Cooperation

> Approval of new Strategic Plan 2010-2015

Next ED term

2007

2008

