

SESSION 01-04 OF ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES

SUMMARY RECORD

The Council, represented by its Alternate Representatives, met on 18 June 2001 at the offices of the United States Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, DC. Dr. Isabel Studer (Mexico) chaired the meeting. Ms. Norine Smith and Dr. Alan Hecht represented Canada and United States respectively. Ms. Janine Ferretti, Executive Director, represented the Secretariat and Mr. Cristóbal Vignal, Council Secretary, acted as secretary for the session. Other officials of the Parties and the Secretariat were also in attendance (Annex A).

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda

The Alternate Representatives adopted the agenda based on the provisional agenda (Annex B).

Item 2 Approval of Summary Record

The Alternate Representatives approved the summary record of their previous session held on 4-5 June 2001 in Montreal (Session 01-03), with the inclusion of minor corrections proposed by Mexico and the United States.

Item 3 Report by the Executive Director

The Secretariat presented a brief update on the status of the following background documents for the Council Session, indicating that these would be distributed to the Parties within the next few days: i) Lessons Learned From the work of the CEC on Environmental Goods and Services; ii) Executive Director's report; iii) copy of a slide presentation outlining the implementation of the *Shared Agenda for Action* adopted by Council in 1998.

Item 4 2001 Regular Session of the Council

Item 4.1 Logistics

Mexico invited the Secretariat to contact Semarnat's press attaché in order to finalize arrangements regarding Mexican press as well as teleconference bridges for the press conference.

Item 4.2 Provisional annotated agenda

The Alternate Representatives reviewed revision 6 of the Council's annotated agenda and provided guidance to the Secretariat for the finalization of the agenda. The Secretariat indicated that Mr. Edmundo de Alba of Mexico, a respected Mexican environmental consultant, will be acting as rapporteur during the Council's in-camera session.

The Parties reviewed the draft session communiqué and asked the Secretariat to ensure consistency between the language of the communiqué and of the annotated agenda.

The Alternate Representatives exchanged views on the draft Council resolution relating to the creation of the Biodiversity Working Group and, more specifically, on the composition of the Working Group. The Parties agreed to exchange additional comments relating to this resolution, by e-mail.

The Secretariat presented its analysis of the conclusions from the JPAC lessons learned report regarding Articles 14 and 15. The Alternate Representatives discussed the JPAC's conclusions and agreed to exchange views relating to their own analysis by 22 June, in order to provide JPAC with a substantive response on a number of matters and to have a positive dialogue during the first portion of the joint Council and JPAC session.

Item 5 Other issues

The Secretariat presented the Alternate Representatives with a proposal aimed at resolving the issue relating to the identification of the CEC (see Annex C). The Parties agreed with the Secretariat's proposal, with the inclusion of a minor change proposed by Canada. The spelled out name to be used in the name bar will be "Commission for Environmental Cooperation of North America" in order to ensure consistency with the French and Spanish versions (i.e., "*Comision para la Cooperacion Ambiental de America del Norte*", and "*Comission de cooperation environnementale de l'Amerique du Nord*")

Item 6 Next sessions of Alternate Representatives

The Alternate Representatives confirmed that their next meeting will be held in Guadalajara, Mexico on 27 June 2001.

Item 7 Closure of the session

The Chairperson closed the session.

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Washington, DC, 18 June 2001

List of delegations

CANADA

Alternate Representative Norine Smith, Environment Canada
Christine Guay, Environment Canada
Jenna MacKay-Alie, Environment Canada
Ron Burnett, Environment Canada
Ken Macartney, DFAIT
Massud Husain, DFAIT
Rita Cerrutti, Environment Canada (via telephone)

MEXICO

Alternate Representative Isabel Studer, Semarnat
Antonio Martin del Campo, Semarnat (Washington)

UNITED STATES

Alternate Representative Alan Hecht, EPA Office of International Activities
Lorry Frigerio, EPA Office of International Activities
Jocelyne Adkins, EPA Office of International Activities
Paul Cough, EPA Office of International Activities
Oscar Carrillo, EPA Office of International Activities

SECRETARIAT

Janine Ferretti
Greg Block
Charles Dickson
Geoffrey Garver
Cristóbal Vignal
Julie-Anne Bellefleur

**SESSION 01-04 OF ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES
AGENDA**

Held at the offices of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
International Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Tel.: 202-564-6600
Washington, DC

Monday, 18 June 2001 from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

- Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda
- Item 2 Adoption of Summary Record
- Item 3 Report by the Executive Director
- Item 4 2001 Regular Session of the Council
- Item 5 Other issues
- Item 6 Next session of Alternate Representatives
- Item 7 Closure of the session

**SESSION 01-04 OF ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES
ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda

The Council shall adopt the agenda for the session based on the provisional agenda (*Rule 9.6 of Council Rules of Procedure*).

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Draft annotated agenda (distributed 12-06-2001) C/C.01/01-04/AGEN/01

Item 2 Adoption of Summary Record

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (R.11), the Executive Director prepared the summary record of Session 01-03. Speakers have submitted corrections to the summary of their remarks (R.11). The Alternate Representatives are expected to approve the summary record.

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Session 01-03 draft Summary Record (distributed 12-06-2001) C/C.01/01-03/SR/01

Item 3 Report by the Executive Director

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (R. 5.3), the Executive Director may make oral and written statements to the Council. The Executive Director will report on Secretariat activities and highlight matters requesting the attention of the Council.

DOCUMENTS: No document

Item 4 2001 Regular Session of the Council

Item 4.1 Substantive agenda

Under this item, the Parties are expected to advance the discussion on the agenda of the 8th Regular Session of the Council to be held on 28-29 June 2001 in Guadalajara, Jalisco Mexico.

In particular, the Parties may wish to discuss opportunities and challenges facing the Commission, in the context of the new strategic directions, review the draft session communiqué and Council resolutions.

The Alternate Representatives are also expected to exchange views for the elaboration of the Council's preliminary response to the conclusions emerging from the JPAC Lessons Learned report on Citizen Submissions under Articles 14 and 15.

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Provisional annotated agenda, Rev. 5 (distributed 13-06-2001)
- b) Secretariat Note re: item 4 (distributed 29-05-2001)
- c) Draft session communiqué (to be distributed)
- d) Draft Council Resolution on Biodiversity Working Group (distributed by US 7-06-2001)
- e) Draft Council Resolution on Promoting Comparability of data on Criteria Air Pollutants, Rev.1 (to be distributed)
- f) JPAC Lessons Learned report on Citizen Submissions under Articles 14 and 15 (distributed 6-06-2001)
- g) Articles 14 and 15 charts on submission processing time (distributed 12-06-2001)
- h) Memo from Geoffrey Garver to Alternate Representatives re: Final JPAC Report Lessons Learned regarding Articles 14 and 15 (distributed 12-06-2001)

Item 4.2 Logistics

Under this item, the Parties may wish to make any final adjustments to the general program of the session and review the format of the public portion of the Council session.

DOCUMENTS:

- a) General program (distributed 13-06-2001) C/01-00/PROG/01/Rev.4
- b) Program of events opened to the public (distributed 13-06-2001) C/01-00/PROG/02/Rev.1
- c) Format of public session (distributed 12-06-2001) C/C.01/01-00/PALN/03/Rev.2
- d) List of registered speakers and summary of oral statements to be made at the public session (distributed 12-06-2001)
- e) Proposed timeline for the preparation of the 2001 Session of the Council (distributed 16-05-2001) C/01-00/PLAN/02/Rev.6

Item 5 Other issues

Item 6 Next sessions of Alternate Representatives

The next session of Alternate Representatives is scheduled to take place on 27 June 2001 in Guadalajara.

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Schedule of sessions of Alternate Representatives for 2001 (distributed 14-06-2001) C/C.01/01-01/PLAN/01/Rev.5

Item 7 Closure of the session

The Chairperson is expected to close the session.



Memorandum

DATE: 18 June 2001

A / PARA / TO: Alternate Representatives

CC: GSC

DE / FROM: Janine Ferretti

OBJET / ASUNTO / RE: Identification of the Commission

Following informal discussions regarding the logo and name of the Commission with various delegates during the 4-5 June Alternate Representatives meeting, the Secretariat proposes the following:

1. Remove the "North America" element from the acronym in the logo (CEC-CCA-CCE, three monarch butterflies and globe).
2. Continue to use "North American" or "of North America", where appropriate, as an adjective describing the Commission in order to distinguish this organization from others with similar names, including the Canada-Chile Commission for Environmental Cooperation, as mentioned in my memo of 24 May (see attached copy of web page). Furthermore, the acronym used throughout the text will be CEC/CCA/CCE.

We believe this proposal, as shown in the attached letterhead sample, eliminates any legal obstacles while allowing us to more precisely identify the Commission in time for the Guadalajara meeting. We look forward to consensus on this issue.



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