

## **SESSION 07-05 OF ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES**

### **SUMMARY RECORD**

The Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) Council, represented by its Alternate Representatives, met via conference call on 15 June 2007. Mr. Enrique Lendo Fuentes (Mexico) chaired the meeting, Mr. Jerry Clifford and Mr. David McGovern represented the United States and Canada, respectively. Mr. Adrián Vázquez, CEC executive director, represented the Secretariat, Ms. Irene Henriques, represented JPAC as its chair, and Ms. Nathalie Daoust, Council secretary, acted as secretary for the session. Other officials of the Parties and the Secretariat were also in attendance.

#### **Item 1 Adoption of the agenda**

The US Alternate Representative proposed to remove the item on submission on enforcement matters. Mexico and Canada agreed with the proposal and the Alternate Representatives adopted the agenda based on the provisional agenda with this modification.

#### **Item 2 2007 Council Session**

The Chair asked the executive director to describe the program and agenda for the 2007 Council Session. Following the description, logistical information was provided by Mexico, including the confirmation that the official dinner would be hosted by the Governor of Michoacán on 27 June. The Canadian Alternate Representative suggested that a dry run of presentations to Council be held on 26 June in the morning. His suggestion was supported by his counterparts although Mexico noted that some presenters might not be in a position to accommodate this request. The JPAC chair was asked to provide further details on JPAC discussion topics for their joint meeting with the Council. She indicated that a list of topics would be distributed to the Parties the following week.

Concerning communications, the Parties indicated they were considering releasing separate communiqués highlighting Council decisions which had links to national policies.

The Alternate Representatives approved the draft agenda for the Council session and noted that draft Council resolutions were still being negotiated by the Parties. They congratulated the GSC and the Secretariat for their efforts.

#### **Item 3 Meeting of the senior trade and environment officials**

The US Alternate Representative expressed confidence that the report to the Council from the senior trade and environment officials would be substantial and suggested that both Mexican co-chairs provide this report. The Mexican Alternate Representative confirmed his willingness to report to the Council and indicated he would inquire with his trade counterpart.

**Item 4 SEM matters**

This topic was not addressed by the Alternate Representatives.

**Item 5 Other issues**

Should time permit, the Alternate Representatives proposed to meet for breakfast on 28 June 2007.