

Montreal, 16 May 2000

COUNCIL RESOLUTION: 00-01

**Instruction to the Secretariat of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation  
Regarding the Assertion that Canada is Failing to Effectively Enforce Certain  
Environmental Protection Standards regarding the Agricultural Pollution Emanating from  
Livestock Operations (SEM-97-003)**

THE COUNCIL:

SUPPORTIVE of the process provided for in Articles 14 and 15 of the *North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation* (NAAEC) regarding submissions on enforcement matters and the preparation of factual records;

CONSIDERING the submission filed on the above-mentioned matter by the *Quebec Environmental Law Centre et al.*, and the response provided by the Government of Canada;

NOTING the additional information provided by Canada on 8 April 1998, pursuant to a request by the Secretariat;

HAVING REVIEWED the notification by the Secretariat of 29 October 1999 to this Council that the development of a factual record is warranted in relation to Submission SEM-97-003;

HEREBY DECIDES BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE:

TO INSTRUCT the Secretariat not to prepare a factual record with respect to this submission.

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL:

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Government of Canada  
by Norine Smith

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Government of the United Mexican States  
by José Luis Samaniego

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by William A. Nitze