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The Honourable Sergio Marchi  
Minister of the Environment  
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**Re: Submission on enforcement matters under Articles 14 and 15 of the  
North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation**

**Submitter(s):** The Friends of the Old Man River

**Party:** Canada

**Date of submission:** October 8, 1996

**Submission No.:** SEM-96-003

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Dear Sir:

On October 10, 1996, the Secretariat of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation received an amended submission pursuant to Article 14 of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (“Agreement”) filed by The Friends of the Old Man River. The submission alleges that the Government of Canada is failing to effectively enforce its environmental law, namely provisions of the *Fisheries Act* and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

The Secretariat reviewed the amended submission under Article 14(1) of the Agreement and determined on October 18, 1996 that the amended submission met the criteria of Article 14(1).

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Pursuant to Article 14(2) of the Agreement, the Secretariat has determined that the submission merits requesting a response from Canada. Accordingly, the Secretariat requests a response from the Government of Canada to the above-mentioned amended submission within the time frame provided in Article 14(3) of the Agreement. A copy of the amended submission and of the supporting information in both English and French is annexed to this letter.

Sincerely,

**Commission for Environmental Cooperation - Secretariat**

per: Victor Lichtinger  
Executive Director

cc.: Ms. Carol M. Browner  
Mtra Julia Carabias  
The Friends of the Old Man River