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**Re: Submission on enforcement matters under Articles 14 and 15 of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation**

**Submitter:** David Suzuki Foundation  
Greenpeace Canada  
Sierra Club of British Columbia  
Northwest Ecosystem Alliance  
National Resources Defence Council  
**Represented by:** Sierra Legal Defence Fund and Earthjustice Legal Defence Fund  
**Party:** Canada  
**Date:** 15 March 2000  
**Submission No.:** **SEM-00-004**

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Dear Mr. Christensen and Ms. Goldman:

As indicated in our letter dated 17 March 2000, the Secretariat has received your submission on behalf of the David Suzuki Foundation, among others, dated 15 March 2000. Pursuant to Guideline 3.10, the purpose of this letter is to notify you that there may be a minor error of form in order for you to rectify this minor error if it exists.

Article 14(1)(e) requires that a submission indicate that the matter has been communicated in writing to the relevant authorities of the Party and indicate the Party's response, if any. Guideline 5.5 provides that the Submitter "must include, with the submission, copies of any relevant correspondence with the relevant authorities." The submission indicates that issues raised in the submission have been

communicated to the governments. It contains a copy of an April 22, 1999 letter from the Sierra Legal Defence Fund (SLDF) to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), as well as a copy of a July 19, 1999 letter from DFO to the SLDF. The April 22, 1999 letter references earlier correspondence, notably letters dated February 26, 1999 and April 7, 1999. Neither of these earlier letters was provided. These referenced letters appear to be potentially relevant to the submission. Consequently, pursuant to Guidelines 3.10 and 5.5, the Secretariat requests that you forward copies of these documents to the Secretariat at your earliest convenience, if they are relevant.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

**Secretariat of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation**

(original signed)

per: David L. Markell

Director, Submissions on Enforcement Matters Unit

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