5 October 2020

COUNCIL RESOLUTION: 20-02

Membership of the Joint Public Advisory Committee

THE COUNCIL:

RECOGNIZING that Article 8 of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (NAAEC) established that the Commission shall comprise a Council, a Secretariat and a Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC);

ACKNOWLEDGING that Article 16 of the NAAEC provided that JPAC shall comprise 15 members and that each Party shall appoint an equal number of members;

NOTING that the Environmental Cooperation Agreement (ECA) among the Governments of Canada, the United States of America and the United Mexican States entered into force on July 1, 2020 and superseded the NAAEC on that date;

FURTHER NOTING that Article 2 of the ECA continues the Commission and that ECA Article 6 provides that JPAC shall be comprised of nine members with four-year terms, unless the Council decides otherwise, with an equal number of nationals to be appointed by each Party;

HEREBY:

DECIDES that each Party shall adjust its JPAC membership consistent with ECA Article 6 no later than 180 days after the ECA's entry into force under the provisions of its Article 17.
APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL:

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