

16 November 2021

COUNCIL RESOLUTION: 21-03

Approval of use of unrestricted surplus funds

THE COUNCIL:

RECOGNIZING the Parties' commitment to strengthen trilateral cooperation and address environmental challenges and priorities in North America through Council-directed initiatives;

CONSIDERING that under the Financial Rules, funds allocated for projects in the budget will remain available for the Council-approved implementation period of the project.

HEREBY DECIDES TO:

AUTHORIZE, consistent with the CEC Council Rules of Procedure and the Financial Rules, an amount not to exceed three point five (3.5) million Canadian dollars from the unrestricted CEC surplus funds to fund the initiatives described below:

- 1) CDN\$500,000 for the IRENA initiative to showcase North American leadership in transitioning isolated and remote communities to clean, renewable, and reliable sources of energy;
- 2) C\$1,000,000 for the "Ghost Gear" initiative to implement actions to reduce abandoned, lost or discarded fishing gear, and assist in developing protocols and strategies for sustainable fisheries and building fishing industry understanding and collaboration;
- 3) C\$1,000,000 for the "Black Carbon Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement and Environmental Justice" initiative to deploy low-cost sensors to better understand PM_{2.5} exposure and black carbon air sensors to identify source contributions, and to work with municipal stakeholders to assess the benefits of emission mitigation strategies; and
- 4) C\$1,000,000 for the environmental education initiative to promote training and strengthen popular environmental culture and education in all three countries through concrete actions and in accordance with the relevant legal instruments and human, environmental and gender-rights principles.

NOTING THAT any funds unused at the end of the implementation period for these initiatives will be returned to the unrestricted surplus funds.

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL:

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