

SESSION 10-02 OF ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES

SUMMARY RECORD

The Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) Council, represented by its Alternate Representatives, met via conference call on 21 June 2010. Mr. Enrique Lendo Fuentes (Mexico) chaired the meeting, Mr. David McGovern and Mr. Michael Stahl (in replacement of Ms. Michelle DePass) represented Canada and the United States, respectively. Mr. Evan Lloyd, CEC Executive Director, represented the Secretariat, and Ms. Nathalie Daoust, Council Secretary, acted as secretary for the session. Other officials of the Parties and the Secretariat were also in attendance.

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda

The Chair welcomed the attendees. It was noted that the JPAC Chair could not be in attendance but that the JPAC liaison officer would be conveying to him the outcome of this meeting.

The Alternate Representatives adopted the agenda based on the provisional agenda (Annex A).

Item 2 2010 Council Session

The Chair reported the Parties had finally come to an agreement on mutually convenient dates for the Council Session: 16–17 August. He also confirmed that the venue, the Camino Real in Guanajuato, was available on those dates. He asked both the US and Canada to confirm the availability of their Council member for the event. Both the US and Canadian representatives confirmed the participation of Administrator Jackson and Minister Prentice. Canada expressed appreciation for the flexibility of Mexico and the United States in securing new dates. The Executive Director indicated the Secretariat was looking forward to working with Mexican officials in organizing the event and with the GSC in further defining the Council agenda.

In relation to the traditional ministerial breakfast (normally held the second day), Canada shared the following issues they would like to discuss:

- COP16
- Common approaches in responding to measurable, reportable, verifiable climate change mitigation action
- Trilateral response to environmental emergencies

The Canadian Alternate Representative indicated he would be following up by e-mail with a more detailed proposal to his counterparts. He also said that these items would be discussed only if the US and Mexico were in agreement with these topics prior to the breakfast.

Item 3 Other issues

No other issues were raised.

In closing, the Chair stressed the importance of informing the JPAC Chair that the Council dates had been confirmed and suggested that the public invitation be released as soon as possible. The Executive Director indicated that the draft invitation was currently in the hands of the GSC and that the Secretariat would be following up to obtain clearance.

Finally, the Chair proposed that the Alternate Representatives hold another conference call in the coming weeks to discuss the Council agenda. This was agreed to by Canada and the United States.

The session was adjourned.