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**COUNCIL SESSION 96-4
March 28, 1996**

Summary Record

Designated Alternate Representatives of Council met via teleconference on March 28, 1996 for a special session. The agenda can be found as Annex "A". Mr. A. Clarke (Canada) chaired the meeting while Mr. J. L. Samaniego and Ms. S. Wilson represented Mexico and the United States respectively. Mr. J. Plaut, Chair of JPAC and Ms. J. Ferretti, on behalf of the Executive Director, also participated in the teleconference. Other officials were also in attendance.

JOINT IMPLEMENTATION: CANDIDATE PREFEASIBILITY PROJECTS

Within the context of the Climate Change Cooperation project of the CEC, Council Representatives reviewed five joint implementation emission reduction projects with a view to select two as funded prefeasibility projects. After consideration the following projects were selected: *150 MW Wind Farm in Mexico* (La Ventosa, Oaxaca) and *Photovoltaic/Wind Hybrid Systems for Village Power or Minigrid Power Supplies* (Northwestern Mexico). Council representatives invited the Secretariat to seek the advice of the Working Group in making its budget allocation decisions for the prefeasibility studies.

In concluding the discussion of this item, Council Representatives thanked the members of the Working Group for their assistance and concurred on the need to refine the common understanding of prefeasibility projects as experience is gained with the initial series of projects.

Action: Secretariat

PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES: ACTION PLAN

As agreed to at the March 6-7 session, this agenda item was to allow for a review of the actions required of each Party to extend to the Secretariat and its staff the full immunities and privileges provided under Article 44 of the NAAEC. As representatives of the Parties on the Special Group were unable to complete consultations and circulate their respective list of proposed actions in time for the discussion the item was deferred to the next conference call.

Action: Special Group in consultation with the Secretariat

In the context of the current revision to the Headquarters Agreement, Canada reminded the United States and Mexico of the urgency of obtaining a formal response to the Canadian diplomatic note concerning reciprocity.

Action: United States / Mexico

SUMMARY RECORD OF SESSION 96-3

The draft Summary Record was reviewed and prior to its finalization the Secretary will circulate a revised version incorporating observations and suggestions made by Council Representatives and the Chair of JPAC.

Action: Secretary

Outstanding Business

While reviewing the draft Summary Record, Council Representatives took note of the progress made on those action items which were to be completed by the end of March.

- a) **1996 Regular Session of Council:** Council Representatives discussed progress made in firming up the dates for the Regular Session. While planning of the Session will continue with September 9-11 as the most likely dates, the United States through the Secretary will suggest other possible dates for consideration by the other Parties. For its part, JPAC will continue with its current plan for public preparatory sessions including the issuance of public notices on April 23. It was agreed, subject to availability of funds, to raise the level of funding assistance to \$US 15K per country to allow broader participation in the two regional preparatory meetings. Canada and Mexico will formally designate their respective national organization tasked with the responsibility to coordinate the granting of financial assistance to NGO representatives.

Action: Parties

- b) **North American Environment Fund (NAEF):** Comments on the revised guidelines have been received from Canada and the United States. The Secretariat will proceed with the finalization of the guidelines once comments from Mexico are received but no later than April 10. Parties will be advising the Secretariat without delay of their respective appointees to the Awards Committee.

Action: Parties/Secretariat

- c) **CEC Annual Report:** The contribution by Canada is expected shortly. The contribution by Mexico is expected next week. The Annual Report will be printed six weeks from receipt of the outstanding contributions.

Action: Canada / Mexico

- d) **Silva Reservoir Report:** Mexico will complete the redrafting of the resolution adopted in principle at the last session and the Chair will be forwarding the resolution under a covering letter no later than April 4 to the *Canada, US, Mexico Trilateral Committee for Wildlife, Plants and Ecosystems Conservation and Management* in time for their upcoming meeting in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Action: Mexico / Chair

- e) **1996 Program and Budget:** The approval of a revised draft of resolution 96-01 was deferred to the next session pending review by the Parties.

Action: Parties

NEXT SESSION

Members agreed to hold their next session via teleconference on April 22, 1996.

ADJOURNMENT

The session adjourned at 5:25 P.M. March 28, 1996

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April 2, 1996

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES SESSION 96-04

Held via conference call on Thursday, March 28
at 1:00 PM (Pacific Time)/3:00 PM (Mexico's time)/4:00 PM (Eastern time)

Annotated Agenda

CHAIR: A. Clarke (CAN)

- Item 1 Identification of Participants / Approval of Agenda
- Item 2 Joint Implementation: Candidate Prefeasibility Projects (Emissions Reduction)
- Item 3 Privileges and Immunities: Action Plan
- Item 4 Summary Record for Session 96-03: Review, Approval and Follow-up
- Item 5 Next Sessions

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES SESSION 96-04

ANNOTATIONS

Item 1. Identification of Participants / Approval of Agenda

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Provisional Annotated Agenda (distributed March 25)

Item 2. Joint Implementation: Candidate Prefeasibility Projects (Emissions Reduction)

At the Council session of March 6-7, Alternate Representatives approved two carbon sequestration projects but deferred consideration of candidate prefeasibility projects related to emissions reduction so as to allow review of proposals by the working group. With the benefits of the review by the working group, Council can now review and select prefeasibility projects amongst four proposals.

ACTION: Decision

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Project documentation (4) (distributed March 6)
- b) Draft Summary Record 96-03, p.2 (distributed March 21)

Item 3. Privileges and Immunities: Action Plan

At the Council session of March 6-7, Alternate Representatives decided that each Party, in consultation with the Secretariat, would identify the actions that have to be taken to extend to the Secretariat and its staff, the full immunities and privileges provided under Article 44 of the NAAEC. It was further agreed that the actions would be consolidated into an action plan and that it would be reviewed at the time of the March 28 teleconference.

ACTION: Review progress

- a) Draft Summary Record 96-03, p.5 (distributed March 21)

Item 4. Summary Record for Session 96-3

This item is to allow a review and approval of the Summary Record. Alternate Representatives can also review progress of the various action items with emphasis on those that were to be completed by the end of March: 1996 Regular session (dates and location); NAEF (revised guidelines); Silva Reservoir (resolution); Annual Report (outstanding Party contributions); 1996 Program & Budget (resolution).

ACTION: Approval / Progress Review of Action Items

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Draft Summary Record 96-03 (distributed March 21)
- b) Draft resolution 96-01-rev #2 (circulated March 13)

Item 5. Next Sessions

This item is to review the schedule of forthcoming teleconferences and meetings. At the March 6-7 session the following schedule had been agreed to:

April 22	Session 96-05: Teleconference
May 23	Session 96-06: Teleconference
June 10-11	Session 96-07: Meeting in Montreal
July 18 (tent)	Session: Teleconference
Aug. 8-9 (tent)	Session: meeting in Montreal
Sept. 9-11 (tent)	Annual Regular Session of Council

ACTION: Confirm the date and key agenda items of the next session.