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Dear Ms. Brumwell,

On behalf of the Council, I would like to thank the Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC) of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) for your **Advice to Council No: 15-04 in reference to the outputs from JPAC Workshops in Boston (July 2015) on "Water and Climate Change: Adaptation through Green Infrastructure"**.

The Council acknowledges the importance of addressing the nexus between climate change and other important issues such as water quantity and quality. Council further recognizes the infrastructure challenges in providing safe drinking water and managing storm and wastewater, and encourages governments, communities, and other entities to address these issues through technological innovation and cooperation.

The Council would like to thank the JPAC for providing examples of key strategies like low-impact development, green streets, and regional management plans to address rain, storm, and wastewater as a single resource. These strategies go together with community engagement and outreach assuring their implementation and compliance as well as recognizing that the return on investment for green infrastructure projects is a long-term proposition.

Having climate change mitigation and adaptation, green growth, and sustainable communities and ecosystems as our priority areas for 2015-2020 shows Council's commitment to collaborate in identifying areas that could benefit from green infrastructure. We remain committed to identifying green infrastructure that can contribute to resilient communities and to developing mechanisms to share experiences and success stories at the regional, national, and local levels.

Regarding the impact of climate change on tribal and Indigenous communities, we have gone forward in the establishment of the TEK Roster of Experts and are working to ensure that TEK provides a critical and integral contribution to environmental decision-making at the CEC. Considering TEK is an important step towards developing a response that takes into account the historical and cultural characteristics of these groups, though participation from all civil society and CEC members is needed.

As well, the North American Partnership for Environmental Community Action (NAPECA) continues to fund innovative community-based projects that engage Indigenous communities, nongovernmental organizations, and other relevant stakeholders to address local environmental challenges. NAPECA projects focus on sustainable communities or urban initiatives that have measurable objectives and benefits to local communities.

Council has been successful in its efforts to communicate openly and more frequently with one another and with other CEC entities. We look forward to continuing our efforts in this regard.

Once again, we appreciate the value JPAC brings to the CEC through its active participation.

Sincerely,

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