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Thanks Chantal Line for your response. I would like to reiterate to you by writing some of my comments from Oaxaca in order for them to be taken into consideration in the final report and actions to be undertaken in the near future.

1) That the request for the Article 13 on Maize be published along with the report. This is important in order for the general public to know how this started and also for the public to know which were the precise requests from the NGO's and the Communities in Oaxaca to the CEC.

2) That the recommendations that will come out from the report be directed to the Mexican Government (as they did in the Presa de Silva article 13 report) and not to the Council. It is clear that given the situation in Oaxaca, is Mexico who will have to do some things in order to deal with this matters. A lot of things may be recommended, but they will not be able to be fully implemented if we do not engage the CEC in the process. What I want to say with this, is that there has to be a follow up by the CEC after the report is published, which will help us as a country to comply and implement the recommendations. From the workshop in Oaxaca, it is clear that there is a lot to be done with respect to diffusion, materials, manuals, etc.

3) Even though the 10 years report of the NAAEC-CEC may be the issue of the June Ministerial meeting, I think that the Ministers will need some time to talk about the Maize report, so it would be great to ask the organizers of the meeting to allocate some time for it.

4) Finally, I believe that the Secretariat of the CEC cannot lose the opportunity of publishing the report for the June Ministerial meeting.

It is a great opportunity to do so and to move forward with this very important issue for some sectors in México.

I thank you for taking these comments into consideration.

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