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Re: **Submission on enforcement matters under Articles 14 and 15 of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation**

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Party: Canada
Date received: 5 December 2011
Submission No. : **SEM-11-003 (*Protection of Polar Bears*)**

We hereby acknowledge receipt of submission SEM-11-003 (*Protection of Polar Bears*). The Secretariat will now review the submission pursuant to Article 14 of the *North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation* (the "Agreement"). We will keep you informed of the status of the submission.

Pursuant to section 3.10 of the Guidelines for Submissions on Enforcement Matters, we wish to inform you of a minor error of form in the *Protection of Polar Bears* submission, in order for you to rectify it. The submission exceeds the number of pages provided for in Guideline 3.3.

We take note that you have not designated any information as confidential or proprietary under Article 11(8) of the Agreement. Accordingly, the submission in its entirety will be made available to the Parties to the Agreement and to the public, and an electronic version of the submission will be placed in our Registry of Submissions on our website.

Any further correspondence relating to this submission should be sent to us by email and by courier.

All future correspondence relating to this submission from the Secretariat will be sent by email and by courier to your attention at the above-captioned address, unless and until we are advised otherwise.

Yours sincerely,

Secretariat of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation

(original signed)

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