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Dr. Irasema Coronado  
Executive Director  
Secretariat of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation  
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Dear Dr. Coronado:

Pursuant to Article 14(3) of the *North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation*, I am writing to inform you that the Government of Canada will provide you with its response to the Protection of Polar Bear submission (SEM-11-003) within 60 working days of the Secretariat's November 29, 2012 request.

Due to exceptional circumstances, Canada avails itself of the additional 30 working days provided in such circumstances. You can therefore expect our response on or before March 6, 2013.

Yours sincerely,

Dan McDougall  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
International Affairs Branch

