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COUNCIL RESOLUTION 07-11

Building capacity for development of a green building rating system for Mexico

THE COUNCIL:

REAFFIRMING the priorities of the Council's 2004 Puebla Declaration and the commitments of Council Resolution 05-06 to increase the involvement of the private sector and other stakeholders in activities related to implementing the work program for the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC);

RECOGNIZING the CEC's work on green building, and the great potential for green building in North America to advance shared environmental goals of the Parties;

NOTING the opportunity to build capacity in North America to promote green building through cooperation among stakeholders in all three countries; and

FURTHER NOTING the timeliness of the opportunity to establish the capacity in Mexico to develop a green building rating system through a workshop involving stakeholders from throughout North America;

HEREBY:

AUTHORIZES and DIRECTS that an amount not to exceed C\$120,000 from the CEC General Fund be allocated in financial year 2007 to fund a workshop on building capacity to develop a green building rating system in Mexico; and

FURTHER DIRECTS the Secretariat to undertake the activities assigned to it according to the criteria set out in the document attached as Annex 1 to this Resolution.

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL:

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Annex 1 to Council Resolution 07-11

**Commission for Environmental Cooperation
Building Capacity for Developing a Green Building Rating System in Mexico**

Summary Work Plan

1. Plan and hold a workshop in Mexico on developing a green building rating system: July–October 2007

Key workshop elements and participants:

- Review of the history, development, purpose and operation of key North American green building rating systems—e.g., *Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design* (LEED), Green Globes, Go Green of the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA), Energy Star, Better Bricks, Built Green, etc. Presenters: representatives of US Green Building Council (GBC), Canada GBC, other similar organizations.
- Review of key green building code developments to put LEED and other rating systems into model building code language—e.g., *American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers* (ASHRAE) standard 189. Presenter: Representatives from ASHRAE, Canadian Standards Association (CSA), and other relevant model code associations.
- Presentations on private sector use of rating systems: what role do they play for developers, architects, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), real estate professionals, banks, other financial institutions, etc. Presenters: representatives of key private sector players and NGOs.
- Presentation on public application of rating systems, by federal, state/provincial and municipal/local governments, for example by referring to them in procurement policies, building codes, zoning laws or regulations. Presentations by representatives of relevant federal, state/provincial and municipal/local entities.

2. Prepare final report on the workshop, with discussion of results and possible next steps. October–December 2007

2007 Estimated Cost: C\$120,000