

Banff, 28 June 1999

COUNCIL RESOLUTION: 99-06

**Adoption of the Revised Guidelines for Submissions on Enforcement Matters Under Articles 14 and 15 of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation**

THE COUNCIL:

HAVING adopted in Oaxaca, on 13 October 1995, the *Guidelines for Submissions on Enforcement Matters under Articles 14 and 15 of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation* (the “guidelines”);

GIVEN that Section 19.1 of the guidelines states that the Council would initiate a review process of the operation of these guidelines;

CONSIDERING the draft revisions to the guidelines approved by Council in Mérida, on 26 June 1998, and their release for public review and comment through the Joint Public Advisory Committee (the “JPAC”);

MINDFUL of the public comments received, and of JPAC Advice 99-01 of 25 March 1999, in relation to the text of the revised guidelines;

RECOGNIZING that the revisions are designed to improve transparency and fairness of the public submissions process and are consistent with Article 11(4) of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (the “Agreement”) and the Council’s commitment to a process that honors the Secretariat’s decision-making role under Article 14 of the Agreement;

NOTING the continuing importance of also concluding work on “Part V Model Rules” and the decision of Council, taken 25 June 1998, in Mérida, that the Model Rules provided for in Article 28 of the Agreement (the “Part V Model Rules”) would be finalized within the same time frame as the revision of the guidelines;

HEREBY APPROVES the attached revised guidelines in anticipation of diligent finalization of Part V Model Rules.

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL:

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