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Mr. Arturo Duran
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Dear Mr. Duran:

Thank you for your letter of January 19, underlining the need for three new Canadian members on the Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC) of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation.

As you may be aware, appointments to the JPAC are made by me, in consultation with environment ministers from the three provinces which are signatory to the Canadian Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (Alberta, Manitoba and Quebec). Although this appointment process may prove lengthy, it also ensures the selection of strong, representative candidates for this important committee.

I look forward to announcing the Canadian appointments to the JPAC in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Stéphane Dion



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