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*Carlos - lucky forward to
seeing you next
week!*

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Dear Mr. Sandoval:

On behalf of the Council of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) and the Alternate Representatives, I would like to thank the Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC) for its continued advice and insights, especially as we prepare for next week's Council Session.

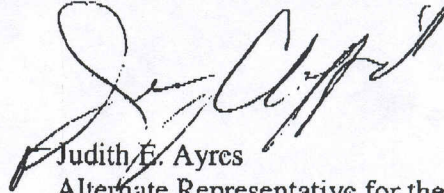
Taking note of JPAC's previous advice on the importance of engaging indigenous communities in CEC activities, in particular the JPAC's 2004 "Plan for Capacity Building and Securing the Long-Term Involvement of Indigenous Peoples in the Activities of Commission for Environmental Cooperation," the Council would like to invite a discussion of this topic as part of our Joint Council-JPAC Session on June 28.

The Council is considering an initiative to build environmental management capacity among Indigenous Peoples of North America and to increase the involvement of indigenous peoples in CEC programs.

We would appreciate it if the JPAC would devote a portion of its meeting with the Council to provide a brief presentation and to engage the Council in a discussion on ideas for possible next steps.

I look forward to seeing you at the Council Session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judith E. Ayres", written over the printed name.

Judith E. Ayres
Alternate Representative for the
United States of America

cc: José Manuel Bulás Montoro, Alternate Representative for Mexico
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