



ADVICE TO COUNCIL: NO. 00-03

**Re: Guidance Document for Improving Environmental Performance and Compliance:
10 Elements of Effective Environmental Management Systems**

The Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC) of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC).

IN ACCORDANCE with its mandate to provide advice to Council.

RECALLING JPAC's past Advice 00-02 on the Draft Guide;

HAVING received and reviewed the revised document, JPAC notes with satisfaction that its recommendations and other concerns expressed by the public and JPAC members were taken into account and particularly appreciates the efforts made to reflect the specific context and views of the enforcement agencies in Canada, Mexico and the United States;

JPAC, THEREFORE, recommends in accord with discussions held directly with the Council that:

- a) the Guidance Document be approved by Council; and
- b) the Enforcement Working Group (EWG) test the functionality of the Guidance Document within the next two years and report back to JPAC.

APPROVED BY THE JPAC MEMBERS

6 July 2000