



**ADVICE TO COUNCIL: NO. 00-07**

**Re: Advice on the Draft CEC Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (PME) Plan**

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

IN ACCORDANCE with its mandate to provide advice to Council;

RECALLING Council's request to provide advice on how the CEC can develop a monitoring and reporting mechanism on the progress and results of CEC projects and to recommend project evaluation approaches keeping in mind the need to involve and inform the public;

HAVING received and had an opportunity to review the *draft CEC Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (PME) Plan* prepared by the CEC Secretariat;

UNDERSTANDING that this is a work in progress;

JPAC, THEREFORE, encourages the Secretariat to continue developing the PME using the principles of Results Based Management (RBM);

MINDFUL, HOWEVER, that projects can move rapidly and directions can also vary, it is important that:

- a) continuous monitoring be implemented;
- b) this monitoring be done internally and concise RBM reports based on the performance indicators should be published on a semi-annual basis for JPAC and public review; and
- c) every 3 years, an external review should be completed to evaluate the general direction and progress of the programs of the CEC.

**APPROVED BY THE JPAC MEMBERS**

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