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Re: The Negotiations Toward a North American Agreement on Transboundary Environmental Impact Assessment (TEIA)

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

IN ACCORDANCE with its mandate to provide advice to Council;

MINDFUL of the importance of an agreement on Transboundary Environmental Impact Assessment (TEIA) for coordinated regional environmental management;

EXPRESSES extreme disappointment with the recent lack of progress and apparent inability of the Parties to achieve such an agreement; and

STRONGLY recommends that the Council of Ministers intervene to assure a rapid and successful conclusion to this very important matter.

APPROVED BY THE JPAC MEMBERS

18 May 1999