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ADVICE TO COUNCIL: NO. 99-08

Re: Article 10(6) of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation NAAEC): Process for Cooperation between the Council of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Free Trade Commission (FTC)

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 Advice to Council 98-08 urging that Council actively promote the implementation of Articles 10(6) in a manner that supports and reinforces the objectives and spirit of the NAAEC to protect the environment, natural resources and the health of human populations;

CONTINUES to have a strong interest in these discussions and is, therefore, concerned about the lack of concrete progress toward developing an ongoing mechanism for the institutional cooperation contemplated in the NAAEC; and

RECOMMENDS that the Council of Ministers take steps to ensure that these discussions continue in a timely manner and that JPAC continue to be informed of progress.

APPROVED BY THE JPAC MEMBERS

18 May 1999