



COMMISSION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION

Joint Public Advisory Committee Session No. 98-04

3-4 September 1998

Summary Record

The Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC) of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) held a regular session in Montréal, Québec, Canada on 3 and 4 September 1998. The session was organized as an in camera working meeting with the Alternate Representatives who were also meeting in Montréal on the same dates.

This Summary Record reports on each agenda item, records all decisions made by the Committee and identifies action items and responsibilities. See Annex A for the agenda and Annex B for the list of participants and Annex C for Advice to Council 98-05, Annex D for Advice to Council 98-06 and Annex E for JPAC's Workplan.

The full records of discussions, advice from JPAC to Council and other documents pertaining to the Committee may be obtained from the JPAC Coordinator's office or through the CEC's Internet homepage at <http://www.cec.org> under the JPAC header.

Mr. John Wirth and Mr. Jesus Druz were absent from the session having notified the Secretariat in writing as to the reasons for their absence. Mr. Barroso arrived during the morning on 3 September due to flight delays. Ms. Jean Richardson was absent, with reasons, on 4 September.

A letter of resignation from Mr. Morales was tabled. Mr. Bustamante informed the members that this would be his last meeting.

Welcome and Overview by the Chair

Mary Simon welcomed the members and reinforced the importance of this meeting and the opportunity for an exchange with the Alternate Representatives, particularly with regards to the Draft Three-Year Program Plan.

After a discussion on the reasons why this session was held in camera (being a working session with the Alternate Representatives) it was agreed that in the future all meetings are open unless specifically decided otherwise by the members in advance of the meeting in question. Several members expressed a general concern that there was no obvious place for the public to submit their views on the Draft Three-Year Program Plan.

Approval of the Provisional Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Review of a letter from John Wirth re: Chile/Canada Bilateral Free Trade Agreement
- Discussion of content and rescheduling the Yellowknife meeting
- Procedure for replacing the Chair at other meetings
- Procedure for electing the 1999 Chair

Review of the Joint JPAC/Alternate Representatives Agenda

It was explained by the Chair that there would be three working meetings with the Alternate Representatives during this session. The members then formulated their presentation for the first exchange with the Alternate Representatives.

It was agreed that JPAC would commend the Secretariat on the first draft of the Three-Year Program Plan and express confidence that JPAC's role in the process is now clearly understood and that the Committee is preparing to provide detailed and substantive advice directly to the Council Members. It was further agreed to express JPAC's disappointment with delays in the progress on the release of the Guidelines on Articles 14 & 15 and that administrative intervention may be hampering the good work that was accomplished at Mérida during the Annual Council Session. It was also agreed to comment on the requirement for public input into the review of the Draft Three-Year Program Plan.

JPAC then met with the Alternate Representatives. Opening remarks were made by the JPAC Chair reflecting the above. She also urged that the Council Summary Record be made public as soon as possible. The Interim Executive Director introduced the Draft Three-Year Program Plan followed by individual presentations by the Program Managers.

Preparation of JPAC Advice on the Three Year Program Plan

JPAC reviewed the Three-Year Program Plan first as a whole in the context of the *Shared Agenda for Action*, then discussed each individual project. The results of the exercise are contained in Advice to Council 98-05 (Annex C).

Preparation of the JPAC 1999 Workplan

This topic was prefaced by a discussion on several matters. First was how best to connect with legislators in each country since, fundamentally, any improvement will require changes to laws and regulations. As a starting point, it was agreed that the Chair would send a letter to Canada's Minister of the Environment concerning lack of commitment by the Provinces other than Alberta, Manitoba and Quebec.

Action: JPAC Chair

The Mexican members informed the Committee that in addition to Mr. Bustamante, Mr. Barroso and Mr. Restrepo would soon be replaced. The new appointments would be made to ensure gender balance and would be timed in such a way to not create vacancies.

A discussion took place on the JPAC representative to North American Fund for Environmental Cooperation (NAFEC) Selection Committee. Mr. Berle indicated he would not be able to act in this capacity after this year's round of project review was complete (December 1998). Mr. Barroso indicated his interest, but noted he would likely be leaving the Committee in May 1999. He undertook to internally discuss an appointment of a Mexican member to NAFEC Selection Committee bearing in mind the connection between commitments and timing of appointments.

The Chair and the Secretariat had prepared a draft work plan for JPAC which was circulated prior to the meeting. It incorporates activities which JPAC had not been able to complete in 1998 (for reasons beyond JPAC's control), priorities for 1999 and on-going responsibilities. The list of priorities provided to JPAC by the Council members during their annual session in Mérida was also taken into account.

Working groups were formed or updated, time tables established and responsibilities assigned. A copy of the Workplan is attached as Annex E.

Action: JPAC and JPAC Working Groups/Secretariat

JPAC's 1999-2001 budget estimate was approved for presentation to Council.

JPAC then met with the Alternate Representatives and provided a summary of its review followed by an open discussion. It was agreed that the details would be provided in a written Advice to Council. (See Annex C)

JPAC further agreed to work with the Alternate representatives to develop detailed advice on how CEC projects can be evaluated and performance measured. This will be added to the agenda of the next JPAC session.

Action: JPAC Members/Alternate Representatives

Preparation of Draft Advice on the CEC's Public Participation Guidelines

A lengthy discussion took place. The JPAC was never in support of this process by the outside consultants and now, upon reviewing the draft, cannot support its publication. It was agreed that guidelines for the CEC are necessary and will recommend that the Secretariat prepare a new text, in house, using the JPAC document on the subject as a basis. (See Annex D)

It was brought to the attention of the members, that the Spanish version of the *Summary Analysis of Interview Results* annexed to the Draft Guidelines contained references to individuals in very unflattering terms. It was agreed that the Chair would communicate with the Secretariat signaling the Committee's dismay, with a copy to the Council.

Action: JPAC Chair

Update on the Public Review of Articles 14 & 15

It was agreed to urge the release of the amendments to the Guidelines for Articles 14 & 15 as soon as possible. The procedure for public review will be that outlined in the Chair's memorandum to the Alternate Representatives 15 July 1998. It should also be clear that the role of JPAC is twofold: first to facilitate and pull together a comprehensive summary of public opinion and second to presents JPAC's own views.

The CEC should include a "chapeau" making it clear that the intention of these amendments is to facilitate the process for submission.

Action: Parties/Secretariat/JPAC

Nomination of the CEC Executive Director

It was agreed to express concern that this process is taking much longer than expected and that while the Interim Executive Director is doing an excellent job, the resolution of this matter is urgent to ease public concerns about certainty and consistency within the CEC.

Action: Parties

Other Issues

Having been advised that Canada supported the idea, it was agreed to send John Wirth a letter mandating him to act, in an ex-officio capacity, to act as an observer while Canada/Chile discuss the establishment of a JPAC process in their Bilateral Free Trade Agreement.

Action: JPAC Chair

The matter of the Yellowknife meeting was discussed (see Annex E). It was agreed that this meeting would be held in May 1999 and that Ms. Simon would chair the session.

It was agreed that the "Old Chairs Committee" (past Chairs of JPAC) would be the pool to draw from when a current Chair needs replacement for a meeting.

It was also agreed to set in motion the established process for electing the 1999 JPAC Chair at the appropriate time this fall.

The Chair was mandated to send letters to Canada and the United States to promptly fill their vacancies on the Committee.

The Chair is to communicate with Council recommending JPAC's early involvement in the planning of the next Council Session.

Next Meeting

The next JPAC session will take place in Washington, DC, 3-4 December 1998.

JPAC then met again with the Alternate Representatives and delivered the messages agreed above. See particularly Advice 98-06 (Annex D).

Prepared by Lorraine Brooke

Joint Public Advisory Committee No. 98-04

3-4 September 1998

**Inter-Continental Hotel
Montreal, Quebec**

Provisional Agenda

Chair: Mary Simon

Thursday, 3 September 1998

- 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM JPAC Working Session (*St-Laurent Room – Main Floor*)
- Welcome and Overview by the Chair
- Approval of the Provisional Agenda
- Review the Joint Meeting JPAC/Alternates Representatives Agenda
- 9:45 AM – 10:00 AM Break
- 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Joint Meeting with the Alternate Representatives (*CEC Council Room*)
- Adoption of the Agenda
- Report by the Interim Executive Director
- Statement by the JPAC Chair
- Presentation by the Secretariat of the Three-Year Program Plan
- 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM JPAC Working Session (cont'd) (*St-Laurent Room – Main Floor*)
- Preparation of the JPAC Advice on the Three-Year Program Plan
- 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Joint Lunch with the Alternate Representatives (*CEC Atrium*)
- 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM JPAC Working Session (cont'd) (*St-Laurent Room – Main Floor*)
- Preparation of the JPAC Advice on the Three-Year Program Plan (cont'd)
- 3:30 PM – 3:45 PM Break
- 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM JPAC Working Session (cont'd) (*St-Laurent Room – Main Floor*)
- Preparation of the JPAC 1999 Workplan
- 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Joint Meeting with the Alternate Representatives (*CEC Council Room*)

Exchange on the Three-Year Program Plan including the JPAC 1999 Program

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Presentation of NAFEC video and cocktail with the Parties
Representatives and the Secretariat Professional Staff
(*CEC Council Room*)

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3-4 September 1998

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Montréal, Québec**

Provisional Agenda

Chair: Mary Simon

Friday, 4 September 1998

- 8:30 AM – 11:45 AM JPAC Working Session (cont'd) (*St-Laurent Room – Main Floor*)
- Identification of JPAC Working Groups
 - Preparation of the JPAC Advice on the Draft Public Participation Guidelines
 - Update on the Public Review of Articles 14 & 15
 - Discussion on the Nomination of the CEC Executive Director
 - Other Issues
 - Next meeting
 - End of the Session
- 11:45 AM – 12:00 AM Break
- 12:00 AM – 1:00 PM Joint Meeting with the Alternate Representatives (*CEC Council Room*)
- Discussion on Draft Public Participation Guidelines
 - Update by the Alternate Representatives on the legal scrub of Articles 14 and 15 Guidelines
 - Update by the Alternate Representatives on the recruitment of the Executive Director
 - Closure of the Session
- 1:00 PM Joint Lunch with the Alternate Representatives and the Secretariat Professionals Staff (*CEC Atrium*)

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List of Participants

JPAC Members:

Canada

Michael Cloghesy
Jacques Gérin
Mary Simon (Chair)
Donna Tingley

Mexico

Guillermo Barroso
Jorge Bustamante
Iván Restrepo
Raúl Tornel

United States

Peter Berle
Jonathan Plaut
Jean Richardson (3 September)

CEC Staff members:

Manon Pepin
Hans Hermann
Leonor Alvarado

ADVICE TO COUNCIL: NO. 98-05

Re: North American Agenda for Action: 1999-2001 — A Three-Year Program Plan for the Commission for Environmental Cooperation

The Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC) of the Commission on Environmental Cooperation (CEC),

IN ITS ROLE as one of the constituent bodies that comprise the CEC,

IN ACCORDANCE with its mandate to provide advice to Council,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the constructive and detailed recommendations received by JPAC at the Public Workshop on Priorities for North American Cooperation for 1999-2001 and its meetings with the Council members during the Fifth Regular Session in Mérida in June 1998 and with the Alternate Representatives and the Secretariat on 3-4 September 1998;

The JPAC:

Commends the Secretariat for producing a solid and informative draft Program Plan based on *A Shared Agenda for Action* agreed to by Council members at the Fifth Regular Session and makes the following general comments:

- While the Three-Year Program Plan is meant to be a strategic plan and is focused on priorities, it suffers from the lack of a clear vision, overall objective and methodology to achieve them. Scoping in itself is not an objective.
- Sustainability, stewardship and cooperation should be the centerpiece of the CEC's vision.
- The Program should not be a collection of projects. Each project should have clearly stated, concrete objectives and measurable results leading to the overall goal of protecting and restoring the environment and improving the quality of life for North American citizens.
- There must be clearly identified opportunities for public input during the development and delivery of the Program. A good place to start would be to better incorporate and highlight where recommendations from the public have been incorporated. The legitimacy of a three-year planning process is compromised without opportunity for public feedback. Public acceptance should be considered as a positive product for the CEC.

Annex C

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- Each program area should link science, policy and law in order to achieve upward harmonization.

- Resources should not be dedicated to activities undertaken by other institutions and better linkages should be established through, for example, the North American Biodiversity Information Network.
- The CEC is unique in its trilateral character. Projects should emphasize cooperative action in pursuit of policy and legislative solutions.
- Each project should contain an activity directed towards capacity building as instructed by Council members.
- The Criteria for Program Selection developed in the *Final Report of the Independent Review Committee* should be employed.
- There should be close coordination and links with NAFEC projects to incorporate "lessons learned" and as a source of practical and relevant experience.

With regard to the specific programs and projects, JPAC provides the following comments and recommendations:

Theme 1: Pursuing Environmental Sustainability in Open Markets

1. Promoting Trade in Environmentally Friendly Goods and Services

This program area, as currently developed, appears to reflect an uneasiness with linking trade and environment and JPAC hopes that the following comments will assist in remedying this uneasiness.

The block of projects under this program area must be linked to emerging trends in order to produce an adequate assessment of potential negative implications.

Sustainable Agriculture

- Who will participate in the scoping exercise? How will the scoping exercise be planned?
- The project needs a better focus. It should be more clearly directed toward ecosystem protection and should also assess the relationship to poverty alleviation, e.g. organic production cannot necessarily be assumed as sustainable without looking at all of the component parts and impacts, both social and environmental.
- Primary production should not be ignored. The project should be broadened to include ranching, fishing farming, forestry, etc.
- The project should address the question: What can the CEC contribute to assist producers to get access to broader markets?

Conservation and Utilization of Biodiversity

- There is a need to consult more broadly than is planned.
- The project needs a better focus. It should be more clearly directed toward ecosystem protection and should also assess the relationship to poverty alleviation.

- Particularly, the role of indigenous peoples in conserving biodiversity needs to be better acknowledged and understood, along with the impacts on them from illegal trade. This is an area where CEC could contribute. There were very strong recommendations on this subject from the Public Workshop.
- Any project should encourage *in situ* preservation.
- Before such a project is launched, guidelines and policy considerations should be developed to minimize the negative impacts. There should be no encouragement of market forces without ethical restraints.

Sustainable Tourism in Natural Areas

- The project requires better focus.
- Both the protection and promotion of ecotourism are conditioned by a very complex set of environmental and social factors. Any project in this area must give due consideration to the need for raising the living standards in local communities (especially in remote areas) while at the same time addressing environmental protection and enhancement issues.
- Resources directed to capacity-building of local people in areas with natural resources with tourism potential should be included in any project.

Shared Approaches to By-Product Synergy

- This project is more focused and has identified partners. It is strongly supported by JPAC.
- Work should also focus on encouraging industries to have better integrated systems to use the waste themselves.
- In some cases, before companies can be "matched," legislation will have to be coordinated regarding the definition of waste and hazardous waste.

2. Exploring Linkages between Environment, Economy and Trade

NAFTA Environmental Effects

- JPAC continues to strongly support this project.

3. Environmental Standards, Enforcement, Compliance and Performance

North American Regional Enforcement Forum Indicators of Effective Environmental Enforcement and Compliance Capacity Building

- The theme is supported; however, the group of projects is too generally expressed. They require sharper goals and measurable deliverables.
- The effort to have governments develop agreement on common indicators is an acknowledged goal and JPAC will address this matter specifically in the near future.

- The National Advisory Committees and the Government Advisory Committee should be more directly involved in these projects, as these are more legitimately government activities.
- If enforcement is the real goal, perhaps more resources should be put to giving the public access to the submission process.
- A role should be incorporated for NGOs and industry.
- The commitment of the CEC to better involve the public in the development and review of alternative indicators and methodologies is applauded.

4. Regional Action on Global Issues

Greenhouse Gases Emission Trading

- This project is strongly supported but more focus and clarity are required.
- The CEC's role should be value-added.
- This project provides a unique opportunity for the three governments to work together to develop a positive model.

Theme 2: Stewardship of the North American Environment

1. Identifying Emerging Trends

Activities in this program area should be coordinated with those conducted in the Promoting Trade in Environmentally Friendly Goods and Services Program for the reasons stated above under that program area.

Emerging Trends in North America

- There is strong support for this activity. It provides an opportunity for a broad, long-range view.
- Monitoring attention should also be focused now on trends which we know will intensify, such as genetic engineering and water shortages.
- However, in order to avoid duplication and maximize use of the CEC's human and financial resources, partnerships should be developed with universities and other institutions such as the World Resources Institute (WRI) and UNEP.

2. Protecting Human and Ecosystem Health

There is a glaring absence of attention to water issues. Freshwater, marine and coastal environments (including the Global Programme of Action in the Bight of the Californias and the

Gulf of Maine) were a matter of focused attention and specific recommendations at the Public Workshop. The relationship to the greenhouse effect and global warming and consequences for resources, productivity, human health require attention.

Cooperation on North American Air Quality Issues

- There is strong support for this project.
- There is a need to include water issues.
- Clarification on how the 1999 budget is to be spent is required. The budget of US \$117,600 seems a large amount to review and complete a final draft of *The Status of Air Quality Management in North America Report*.
- Clarification is also required disengagement from support for the San Diego-Tijuana Air Basin Initiative and as to what the CEC can contribute that the Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) cannot.

Sound Management of Chemicals

- There is very strong support for this project and recognition of the good work done to date.
- There should be an effort to increase both the number of candidate substances identified and also the approval rate of new North American Regional Action Plans (NARAPs) to more than two per year.

Pollutant Release and Transfer Registry

- There is general support for this project. Industry, however, has to be better represented and involved.

Capacity Building in Pollution Prevention

- The objectives of this project fit very well with the CEC's role.
- The budget should be revisited and progress evaluated. Was the initial investment of US\$200,000 well spent? Is continued support required? Is US\$10,000 for travel adequate support for each of the next three years? Is there an exit strategy?
- There should be better coordination with the BECC to coordinate efforts.

3. Sustaining North American Biodiversity

Identifying Emerging Biodiversity Issues for North American Cooperation

- There is a lack of focus. Should begin with an analysis of existing biodiversity agreements and develop benchmarks.

- Feedback from the NGO community indicates concern about who the "experts" will be and how the scoping exercises will be conducted. Broad representation will be required.

Biodiversity Prospecting

- There is very strong support for this project. It clearly responds to concerns expressed at the Public Workshop.

- This project should be incorporated under the Promoting Trade in Environmentally Friendly Goods and Services Program Area and perhaps linked to the Conservation and Utilization of Biodiversity Project.
- As above, the project should begin with an analysis of existing agreements and other initiatives dealing with biodiversity, intellectual property, etc. in order to develop benchmarks. Much work has been done in this area over the past ten years by international organizations, industry and indigenous peoples themselves. This experience should be canvassed and better understood before embarking on a scoping exercise.
- An "indigenous peoples" perspective is required in the development of this project. A representative(s) should be involved in all stages of project development and implementation if it is to have resonance with indigenous peoples. The term "expert" should be meant to include indigenous peoples.

North American Transboundary Migratory Species

- This project should be clearly linked with local communities, for example in the area of tourism.
- There should be coordination with NAFEC as many of its projects deal with related issues.
- The Action Plan should also contain work on conducting a law, policy and regulatory review which gives the ability to measure what is needed and how it can be achieved.

North American Biodiversity Information Network

- There is strong support for this project as an essential service to the CEC and other institutions. It is an excellent example of the mutual benefits of cooperation.

APPROVED BY THE JPAC MEMBERS

28 September 1998

ADVICE TO COUNCIL: NO. 98-06

Re: Draft Public Participation Guidelines of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation

The Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC) of the Commission on Environmental Cooperation (CEC),

IN ITS ROLE as one of the constituent bodies that comprise the CEC,

IN ACCORDANCE with its mandate to provide advice to Council:

- supports the need for public participation guidelines to assist the CEC in better engaging the North American public in all of its activities.

With Regards to the *Draft Public Participation Guidelines* prepared by outside consultants currently under review, however the JPAC recommends that:

- the document not be published in view of its many deficiencies and lack of credibility;
- the Secretariat, using its in-house expertise, prepare a new text, in consultation with JPAC, and based on the Public Consultation Guidelines previously developed by JPAC.

APPROVED BY JPAC MEMBERS

28 September 1998

JPAC WORK PLAN

This work plan reflects the dynamic and evolving nature of JPAC's role and responsibilities.
The work plan and associated priorities will be modified on an on-going basis in response to public input, members' recommendations and Council's requests.

Subject Matter and Mandate Source	Actions Required	Action Required by	Due Date	Status as of 4 Sept. 1998
CEC Proposed Program and Budget for 1998 * (JPAC Priority-December 1997)	Prepare an advice to Council.	JPAC Working Group: María Cristina Castro Mary Simon John Wirth	March 1998	Done (Advice 98-01)
NAFEC Evaluation * (JPAC Priority-December 1997)	Prepare an advice to Council.	JPAC Working Group: Peter Berle Jorge Bustamante Mary Simon	March 1998	Done (Advice 98-02)
CEC 1997 Annual Report * (JPAC Priority-December 1997)	Prepare an advice to Council. Review the draft document.	JPAC Working Group: Michael Cloghesy Jorge Bustamante John Wirth	April 1998 October 1998	Done (Advice 98-03) To follow
CEC Rolling Plan 1999-2001 * (JPAC Priority-June 1998) (Council Suggestion-June 1998)	Prepare the JPAC description to be included on the Draft CEC Rolling Plan 1999-2001. Review and provide advice to Council on the implementation of the three year rolling plan of the CEC, particularly identifying the short and medium term priorities consistent with the two key areas of program focus on Pursuing Environmental Sustainability in Open Markets and Stewardship on the North American	Full Committee	July 1998 September 1998	Done Done (Advice 98-05)

Annex E

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<p>Revised Guidelines for Articles 14 & 15 * <i>(Council Request-May 1998)</i> <i>(Council Request-June 1998)</i></p>	<p>Participate as “ex-officio” members of the team reviewing the Guidelines for Articles 14 and 15.</p> <p>Oversee the public review and comment of 90-day on the Revised Guidelines for Articles 14 & 15 and provide advice to Council.</p>	<p>JPAC Working Group: Peter Berle Michael Cloghesy Raúl Tornel</p>	<p>Spring 1998</p> <p>February 1999</p>	<p>Done</p> <p>In progress</p>
<p>Public Participation Guidelines * <i>(Council Suggestion-June 1998)</i></p>	<p>Review and provide advice to Council on the Draft CEC Public Participation Guidelines done by consultants.</p>	<p>JPAC Working Group: Guillermo Barroso Jacques Gérin Jon Plaut</p>	<p>September 1998</p>	<p>Done <i>(Advice 98-06)</i></p>
<p>CEC Program and Budget for 1999 * <i>(JPAC Priority-June 1998)</i></p>	<p>Prepare the JPAC description to be included on the CEC Draft Program and Budget of 1999.</p> <p>Prepare an advice to Council on the Draft CEC Program and Budget for 1999.</p>	<p>Full Committee</p>	<p>September 1998</p> <p>December 1998</p>	<p>To follow</p> <p>To follow</p>
<p>Human Health * <i>(JPAC Priority-December 1997)</i></p>	<p>Review the Draft CEC Rolling Plan 1999-2001 to ensure that human health aspects are taken into account in all CEC Program Areas.</p>	<p>JPAC Working Group: Iván Restrepo Jean Richardson Mary Simon</p>	<p>September 1998</p>	<p>Done <i>(Advice 98-05)</i></p>
<p>Environment and Trade * <i>(JPAC Priority-December 1997)</i></p> <p><i>(Council Suggestion-June 1998)</i></p> <p><i>(Council Suggestion-June 1998)</i></p>	<p>Prepare an advice to Council on the context of the NAFTA Environmental Effects Project. See CEC Draft Rolling Plan 1999-2001.</p> <p>Help to identify future trends and issues in relation to environment and trade. See CEC Draft Rolling Plan 1999-2001.</p> <p>See Council Suggestion under the CEC Working Groups. The next working group meeting to confirm.</p>	<p>JPAC Working Group: Michael Cloghesy Jon Plaut Raúl Tornel</p>	<p>September 1998</p> <p>September 1998</p> <p>To confirm</p>	<p>Done <i>(Advice 98-05)</i></p> <p>Done <i>(Advice 98-05)</i></p> <p>To follow</p>

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Kyoto Conference on Climatic Change ** <i>(JPAC Priority-December 1997)</i>	Prepare an advice to Council on how to assure compliance with decisions during the Kyoto Conference on Climatic Change. See the Draft CEC Rolling Plan 1999-2001.	JPAC Working Group: Peter Berle Jacques Gérin Raúl Tornel	September 1998	Done <i>(Advice 98-05)</i>
Transportation ** <i>(JPAC Priority-December 1997)</i>	Prepare an advice to Council. See the Draft CEC Rolling Plan 1999-2001.	JPAC Working Group: Michael Cloghesy Jesús Druz John Wirth	September 1998	To follow
Mercury Related Studies ** <i>(JPAC Priority-December 1997)</i> <i>(Council Suggestion-June 1998)</i>	Prepare an advice to Council on the context of the workshop organized by the Mercury Task Force under the Sound Management of Chemical Project. See Council Suggestion under the CEC Working Groups. The next expert working group meeting on this issue will be held on 7-9 October in Las Vegas, Nevada.	JPAC Working Group: Jesús Druz Jean Richardson Mary Simon	May 1999 October 1998	To follow To follow
Continental Pollutant Pathways ** <i>(JPAC Priority-December 1997)</i>	Prepare an advice to Council following the Trinational Workshop on human health effects from air pollutants. See the Draft CEC Rolling Plan 1999-2001.	JPAC Working Group: Michael Cloghesy Jesús Druz Jean Richardson	September 1998	Done <i>(Advice 98-05)</i>
CEC Work Plan ** <i>(Council Suggestion-June 1998)</i>	Provide advice on how the Council can develop a monitoring and reporting mechanism on the progress and results of the CEC work plan.	Full Committee	December 1998	To follow
CEC Project Evaluation ** <i>(Council Suggestion-June 1998)</i>	Provide advice to Council on what sort of project evaluation approaches are appropriate for the CEC.	Full Committee	December 1998	To follow
Independent Review Committee Report ** <i>(Council Suggestion-June 1998)</i>	Provide advice to Council on the ongoing action by Council to implement the recommendations of the Independent Review Committee.	JPAC Working Group: Guillermo Barroso Jacques Gérin	December 1998	To follow

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Environmental Management Systems and Compliance Report ** <i>(Council Suggestion-June 1998)</i>	Review the Enforcement Working Group on environmental management system, and provide advice to Council on further work required on this area, and in particular advising on response to EMSC report of the Enforcement working group.	JPAC Working Group: Peter Berle Donna Tingley Raúl Tornel	December 1998	To follow
Enforcement Issues ** <i>(Council Suggestion-June 1998)</i>	Provide advice to Council on how the concept of effective enforcement can be interpreted when Parties are moving beyond traditional command and control enforcement approaches to embrace a wider range of instruments and approaches (economic instruments, voluntary compliance strategies, etc.)	JPAC Working Group: Peter Berle Donna Tingley Raúl Tornel Substitute: Michael Cloghesy	December 1998	To follow
Regional Solutions to Global Problems *** <i>(Council Suggestion-June 1998)</i>	Provide advice to Council on the potential areas where the CEC can act as a model for finding regional solutions to global problems.	Full Committee	February 1999	To follow
Rules for Dispute Avoidance *** <i>(Council Suggestion-June 1998)</i>	Review and provide advice to Council on Draft Rules for Dispute Avoidance which will be developed by the Parties.	Full Committee	December 1998	To follow
CEC Emerging Issues **** <i>(Council Suggestion-June 1998)</i>	Continue to act as the headlights for the CEC identifying emerging issues and suggest strategies to address them.	Full Committee	Permanent	In Progress
CEC Working Groups **** <i>(Council Suggestion-June 1998)</i>	Participate and provide ongoing advice to Council on activities of key working groups at the CEC, such as the Sound Management of Chemicals program and Trade and Environment. If JPAC so decides, designate JPAC members as a lead contact for each program area.	Case by case	Permanent	To follow
Annual Meetings with Council and the Alternate Representatives ****	Continue to meet the Council members during the Regular Session.	Full Committee	June 1998	Done

<i>(Council Suggestion-June 1998)</i>	Meet the Alternate Representatives at least twice a year.	Full Committee	June 1998 September 1998	Done Done
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Subject Matter and Mandate Source	Actions Required	Action Required by	Due Date	Status as of 4 Sept. 1998
National Advisory Committees **** <i>(JPAC Priority-December 1997)</i> <i>(Council Suggestion-June 1998)</i>	Building linkages with the three National Advisory Committees.	Full Committee	Permanent	In progress

- * Priority Level I
- ** Priority Level II
- *** Priority Level III
- **** Permanent Issue