#### **PART FOUR**

# ACCOUNTABILITY, INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND PROCEDURES FOR REVIEW OF OBLIGATIONS

#### **Article 14: Public Accountability**

- 1. A person residing in or established in the territory of a Party may submit a written question to a Party through the National Point of Contact, indicating that the question is being submitted pursuant to this Article regarding that Party's obligations under Part Two (Obligations) or cooperative activities developed pursuant to this Agreement. For Honduras "Residing" means a person who has permanent resident status under its domestic law.
- 2. The Party that receives the question shall acknowledge it in writing, forward the question to the appropriate authority, and provide a response to the question in a timely manner.
- 3. If the question is submitted to the Party that is not the Party of the person's residence or establishment, the responding Party shall provide to the other Party, in a timely manner, a copy of the question and the response to the question.
- 4. Each Party shall make available to the public, in a timely manner, summaries of the question received and response provided.

## Article 15: Party-to-Party Information Exchange

- 1. A Party may notify and provide to the other Party credible information regarding possible violations of, or failures to effectively enforce, its environmental law. This information shall be specific and sufficient to allow the notified Party to inquire into the matter. The notified Party shall take appropriate steps, in accordance with its domestic law, to inquire and to respond to the notifying Party.
- 2. At the request of the other Party, a Party shall promptly provide information of a proposed or actual environmental measure and, as promptly as possible, shall respond to any questions of the other Party pertaining to that environmental measure.

### Article 16: Procedures for Review of Obligations

- 1. The Parties shall at all times endeavour to concur on the interpretation and application of this Agreement.
- 2. The Parties shall make every attempt, through consultations and the exchange of information, with an emphasis on cooperation, to address and resolve a matter that might affect the interpretation or application of this Agreement.