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TO: Co-Chairmen  
Canada/United States  
Co-ordinating Committee

FROM: Co-Chairmen  
Impact Assessment Work Group

In accordance with the approved work plan for the Impact Assessment Work Group, we are submitting our Phase II Working Paper.

This report completes our Phase II activities and provides a considerable improvement in the information base available to the Co-ordinating Committee in January 1981. As well, extensive peer review by internationally recognized authorities of the Phase II material has been undertaken. The results of this review have increased our confidence in the findings and conclusions of the Work Group.

The Work Group remains concerned that a structured opportunity to provide comments by a wider public in both Canada and the United States be undertaken. This action would undoubtedly improve the utility of our report as a basis for conducting negotiations on a Transboundary Air Pollution Agreement. This broader dialogue should be encouraged during Phase III.

In order to ensure that the Work Group is able to broaden the scope of its investigation beyond the serious problem of acid deposition, we wish to stress the need for the continued provision of resources. Without this support, the Work Group will be unable to enlist the involvement of other scientists knowledgeable in the field of transboundary impacts of air pollution.

We look forward to your comments and further direction.

Respectfully submitted,



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