

PART THREE – ACCOUNTABILITY

Article 12: Public Information and Accountability

1. Any person residing in or established in the territory of either Party may submit a written question to either 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 of this Agreement or cooperative activities developed pursuant to this Agreement.
2. The Party to which such question is directed shall acknowledge the question in writing, forward the question to the appropriate authority, and provide a response in a timely manner to the person who has sent the question.
3. Where the question is submitted by a person to the Party other than the Party of its residence or its establishment, the responding Party shall provide to the other Party, in a timely manner, copies of the questions it receives, and the responses it makes to those questions.
4. Each Party shall make publicly available in a timely manner all questions received and all responses given.

Article 13: Party-to-Party Information Exchange

1. A Party shall promptly provide any information regarding any proposed or actual environmental measure to the other Party, upon receiving a written request from that other Party and, as promptly as is reasonably possible, shall respond to any questions of the other Party pertaining to any such environmental measure.
2. A Party may notify the other Party of, and provide to that Party, any credible information regarding possible violations of, or failures to effectively enforce, its environmental laws. Such information shall be specific and sufficient to allow the other Party to inquire into the matter. The notified Party shall take appropriate steps to so inquire in accordance with its laws and to respond to the other Party.