PART FOUR

ACCOUNTABILITY

Article 14: Public Information and Accountability

- 1. A person residing or established in the territory of either Party may submit a written question to either Party through the National Coordinating Officer, indicating that the question is being submitted pursuant to this Article regarding a Party's obligations under Part Three of this Agreement or cooperative activities developed pursuant to this Agreement.
- 2. The Party receiving the question shall acknowledge the question in writing, forward the question to the appropriate authority and provide a response in a timely manner.
- 3. Where the question is submitted to the Party that is not the Party of the person's residence or establishment, the responding Party shall in a timely manner provide to the other Party copies of the question and its response.
- 4. Each Party shall in a timely manner make publicly available all of the questions it receives and its responses to those questions.

Article 15: Party-to-Party Information Exchange

- 1. On the request of the other Party, a Party shall promptly provide information on any proposed or actual environmental measure 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. This information should be specific and sufficient to allow the other Party to inquire into the matter. The notified Party shall take appropriate steps to inquire and to respond to the other Party, in accordance with its laws.