

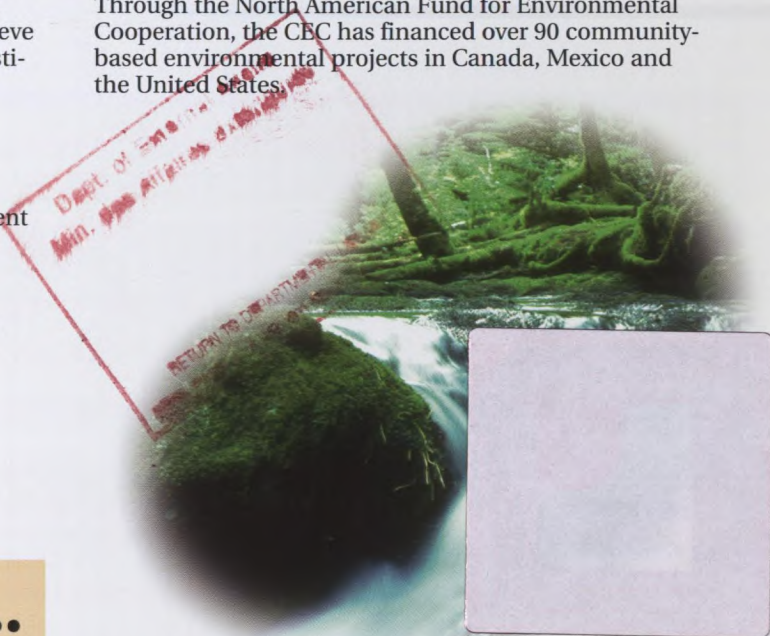
NAFTA partners promote environmental protection...

NAFTA partners recognize the importance of enhancing environmental protection, and the need to cooperate in the enforcement of environmental laws. In order to achieve these goals, NAFTA partners have established several institutions through the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation.

Along the U.S.-Mexico border the North American Development Bank and the Border Environmental Cooperation Commission are working on the development and financing of environmental infrastructure projects. To date, 27 projects have been certified.

The Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) promotes environmental protection and conservation through projects for pollution prevention, waterways

management and wildlife protection, among others. Through the North American Fund for Environmental Cooperation, the CEC has financed over 90 community-based environmental projects in Canada, Mexico and the United States.



NAFTA enriches us all...

NAFTA delivers real benefits for workers and their families. To secure these benefits an institution-building process has taken place. Through the North American Agreement on Labour Cooperation and its Commission, each

NAFTA partner is committed to enforcing its labour laws and to cooperating in areas of industrial relations, employment standards, occupational safety and health, and human resource development, among others.

...and provides greater job opportunities in North America

Since NAFTA took effect, employment has risen in all three NAFTA countries.

During NAFTA's first five years:

- Employment in Canada grew by 10.1 percent, generating 1.3 million jobs;
- Employment in Mexico grew by 22 percent, generating 2.2 million jobs; and
- Employment in the United States grew by more than 7 percent, generating 12.8 million jobs.

Clearly, trade has helped to boost employment in all three countries. New exports create more and better jobs in the home market. Since the Agreement was implemented, all three countries have registered substantial growth in their exports, and a significant portion of total job growth has been export-related.



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