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Dear Colleagues,

*Re. NAFTA Arbitration
Methanex Corporation v. United States of America*

The Tribunal here addresses two separate matters, relating to (i) the applications received by the two potential "amici" within the deadline established by the Tribunal; and (ii) the admission to the file of the Parties' submissions under NAFTA Article 1128:

(1) The Tribunal refers to its letter of 30th December 2003 and to the two applications for leave to file a non-disputing submission made by International Institute for Sustainable Development and Bluewater Network and dated in each case 9th March 2004.

In accordance with part B, paragraph 5, of the NAFTA Free Trade Commission's statement on non-disputing party participation, the Tribunal fixes 26th March 2004 as the date by which the Disputing Parties may comment in writing on the admission to the file of these submissions.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt, given the letters dated 26th February 2004 from Mexico and Canada in response to Methanex's letter dated 28th January 2004 and the USA's letter dated 12th February 2004, the Tribunal declares that it has admitted to the file the further written submissions dated 30th January 2004 of the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico made pursuant to NAFTA Article 1128.

Yours Sincerely,



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