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Dear Colleagues,

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

I acknowledge safe receipt of the two letters dated 26th March 2004 from Methanex and the United States regarding their respective non-objection to and acceptance of the "amici" applications, namely the two applications for leave to file a non-disputing submission made by International Institute for Sustainable Development and Bluewater Network and both dated 9th March 2004.

In the circumstances, the Tribunal allows both applications and intends to make further orders regarding the Disputing Parties' responses to these submissions. The original time-table has however slipped a little (from last Friday to today, Tuesday); and before confirming the response-date of 23rd April or re-fixing new dates, the Tribunal would welcome as soon as practicable further scheduling comments from the Disputing Parties, especially Methanex which may bear the greater burden. For the time being, however, the deadline should not be assumed to extend beyond 30th April 2004.

We shall write separately regarding the Disputing Parties' responses to 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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