

**LETTER OF INTENT
FOR COOPERATION
IN NATURAL RESOURCES
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES, AND THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY
OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES**

The Department of Natural Resources of Canada, the Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, and Ministry of Energy, of the United Mexican States, referred to hereafter as "The Parties",

CONSIDERING the excellent relations of friendship that exist between the governments and people of Canada and the United Mexican States,

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of working together in dealing with common concerns about the sustainable development of natural resources,

BUILDING UPON the existing Memoranda of Understanding on: Cooperation in Mining Policy; Technical and Scientific Cooperation in Geoscience and Cartography; Cooperation in the Field of Forestry and the Letter of Intent on Cooperation on Forest Fire Information Technology signed under the previous MOU; the Agreement on Industrial and Energy Cooperation; on Cooperation in Energy Efficiency and Alternative Energy; and Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy,

WISHING to show leadership in ensuring that our populations receive full benefit from their natural resources, and in advancing sustainable development through scientific knowledge, technological innovation, stewardship and capacity-building

HAVE AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. This Statement may serve as a framework for cooperation under which separate memoranda of understanding will be negotiated within a period not to exceed one year, in the fields of common interest to the Parties which may include matters such as energy efficiency, alternative energy, energy supply, air quality, watershed and groundwater management, sustainable forest management, sustainable development and use of minerals and metals, remote sensing and geomatics, and geoscience.
2. Cooperation will be in areas of mutual benefit and according to each Party's respective priorities. The areas of mutual interest will be defined jointly between the Parties within any subsequent memoranda of understanding.
3. Cooperation between the Parties will be defined in the memoranda of understanding and may include, but not be limited to the following: exchanges of scientific and technical information; visits by specialists and professionals; joint research and development; training activities; and organization of seminars, workshops, symposia and conferences.
4. The memoranda that are negotiated are to establish the scope and objectives of the activities to be carried out, determine the manner in which confidential information will be handled, and define the role of the different actors vis-à-vis government agencies, as well as other aspects depending on the specific nature of each memorandum.
5. For the purpose of supervising and coordinating the planning, execution, evaluation and approval of the activities to be carried out, the Parties will –in the memoranda of understanding signed between them– determine the principal coordinators who are to be senior officials of their respective administrations.
6. The principal coordinators will meet at least once per year to review and analyze the progress of the cooperation activities carried out under the terms of the memoranda of understanding, and shall prepare a report in writing on the progress achieved.

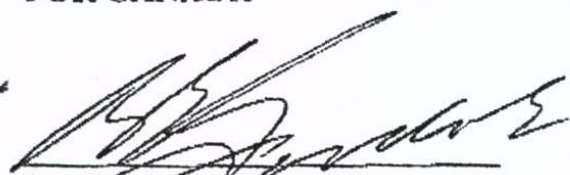
Each Party will be responsible for the costs of its activities resulting from this Letter of Intent or from the memoranda derived from it.

This Letter of Intent does not create any legally binding obligations between the Parties.

This Letter of Intent will take effect on the date of its signature and will have a duration of one year in order to permit the entry into force of the respective memoranda of understanding.

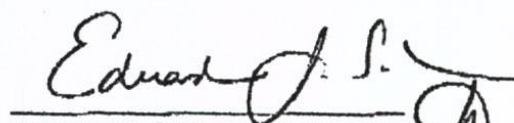
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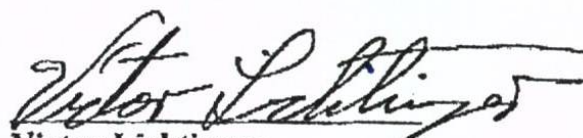


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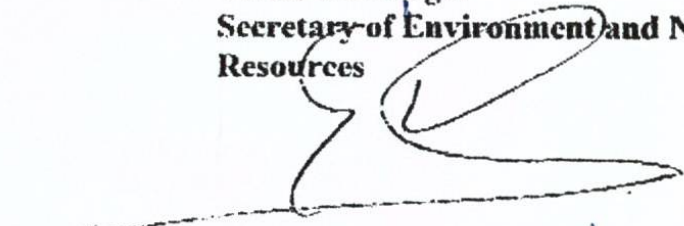
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