

MEMBERS OF THE CEN HARMONIZATION WORKING GROUP

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Enclosed are conclusions and recommendations on the CCME Harmonization initiative, prepared for the Harmonization Working Group by the Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy (CIELAP). They incorporate many of the comments made by ENGO participants in the CCME consultation on harmonization held in January.

As many of you know, the CCME Environment Ministers met by conference call last week to discuss input received at the consultation, and to discuss next steps for the initiative. Many of the ministers still want to move ahead with the draft agreement (although it is rumoured that the new federal minister does not support the agreement). The ministers have therefore requested that their deputies meet at the end of March to discuss and outline possible options for harmonization.

Last week's Throne Speech stated that the federal government will propose "a much strengthened process to work in partnership" with the provinces on environmental management. The harmonization initiative is not dead yet. **WE THEREFORE ENCOURAGE YOUR GROUP TO ENDORSE THE ENCLOSED RECOMMENDATIONS, AND TO CONTINUE TO WORK ON THIS INITIATIVE.**

If your group is willing to sign on to this paper, please detach the form below and return it to the CEN office by March 15, 1996. For more information, or to receive a copy of CIELAP's full brief on harmonization, please call Cathy at the CEN office (extension 22).

Many thanks!

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_____ YES, my group is willing to sign on to the attached recommendations.

_____ Please send me a copy of the full brief on harmonization.