

**LETTER OF INTENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT
AND NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES TO
ENHANCE COOPERATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL
MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST**

The Government of the State of Washington of the United States of America (Washington) and the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources of the United Mexican States (SEMARNAT), hereinafter referred to as "the Participants";

WHEREAS the governments of the State of Washington of the United States of America and the United Mexican States have a history of friendship and excellent cooperation, including on issues related to the environment and commerce;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the global nature of environmental problems, notably climate change, and that joint efforts to protect the environment and ensure sustainable use of natural resources are important;

RECOGNIZING that climate change impacts natural resources in Washington and the United Mexican States threatens human health and public safety, and endangers economic prosperity;

RECOGNIZING that climate change increases the vulnerability of the United Mexican States and Washington to extreme weather events including drought, floods, wildfires, and extreme temperatures, with wildfires becoming more frequent;

WHEREAS the opportunities to combat climate change and protect the environment between the Participants are plentiful, and strengthening cooperation on these efforts is important;

WHEREAS the Participants intend to cooperate on joint actions that improve the environment, while optimizing the quality of life for inhabitants of the State of Washington of the United States of America and of the United Mexican States, and on expanding trade and investment opportunities for both Participants;

Hereby the Participants express their intention to cooperate and coordinate efforts, with special emphasis on, but not limited to, the following action areas:

- a) Climate change;
- b) Air quality;
- c) Oceans;
- d) Transportation; and
- e) Clean energy.

For the overall coordination and instrumentation of the cooperation resulting from this Letter of Intent, SEMARNAT designates the Head of the International Affairs Coordination Unit, and Washington designates the Senior Advisor on Energy and Carbon Markets of the Office of the Governor.

This Letter of Intent is signed in good faith and does not create any legal obligations between the Participants.

Signed in Mexico City, on May 19, 2017, by duplicate, in Spanish and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
STATE OF WASHINGTON OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**



**Jay Inslee
Governor**

**FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
RESOURCES OF THE UNITED
MEXICAN STATES**



**Rodolfo Lacy Tamayo
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