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CANADA–U.S. IPG ATTENDS SUMMER MEETING OF U.S. GOVERNORS

From 24–26 July 2019, the Honourable Senator Michael L. MacDonald, Co-Chair of the Canadian Section of the Canada–United States Inter-Parliamentary Group (IPG), led a delegation of Canadian parliamentarians to the annual summer meeting of the National Governors Association (NGA) in Salt Lake City, Utah. The other members of the delegation were the Honourable Senator Yuen Pau Woo, Vice-Chair of the Canada–United States IPG, as well as the Honourable Mike Lake, P.C., M.P., the Honourable Tony Clement, P.C., M.P., and Irene Mathysen, M.P.

“The IPG’s Canadian Section always welcomes opportunities to attend the NGA’s summer meeting and speak with U.S. governors,” said Senator MacDonald. “The sessions on combatting human trafficking, cybersecurity and investing in resilience were particularly interesting and extremely useful to us in our present and future legislative work.”

Senator Woo concluded: “Governor Bullock of Montana chose Good Jobs for All Americans as his initiative for his year as NGA Chair. Gainful employment for everyone is a laudable goal regardless of the country in which you choose to live. This is certainly an area where our two countries can share best practices for joint benefit.”

Founded more than a century ago when President Theodore Roosevelt gathered state governors in order to discuss the nation’s resources, the NGA is the collective voice of U.S. governors from the 50 states, three territories and two commonwealths. It is also a public policy organization that represents the governors on Capitol Hill and before the U.S. Administration on federal issues that affect them, and that develops and implements solutions to public policy challenges.

The views expressed in this news release are specific to the Canadian Section of the Canada–United States IPG.

The Canada–United States IPG aims to find points of convergence in respective national policies, to initiate dialogue on points of divergence, to encourage the exchange of

information and to promote better understanding among legislators on shared issues of concern. Additional information on the Group can be found at www.parl.gc.ca/iiia/us.

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