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### **Members of the Canadian Section of the Canada-US Inter-Parliamentary Group Attend Ottawa Meeting of the Can/Am Border Trade Alliance**

From May 1-3, 2011, members of the Canadian Section of the Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group (IPG) attended the annual spring meeting of the Canadian/American Border Trade Alliance (BTA) in Ottawa. Senator Marie-P. Poulin, Vice-Chair attended the meeting, and Mr. Gord Brown, M.P., Co-Chair of the IPG was an invited speaker.

“Twice each year, at the annual spring and fall meetings of the BTA, I’m fortunate to be able to share information about the IPG’s recent and future bilateral activities. Our participation also enables us to gain insight about the challenges faced by businesses and individuals as well as about efforts and actions by governments in both countries to address these challenges”, said Mr. Brown. “I look forward to speaking about the Group’s summer activities and our 52nd annual meeting at the BTA’s fall meeting in October.”

Mr. Brown concluded: “I was pleased that so many of the speakers at the BTA meeting mentioned the perimeter security and economic competitiveness initiative announced by Prime Minister Harper and President Obama on February 4th of this year. I think that there are lots of opportunities within the framework provided by this initiative for our two countries to work together in a way that will result in enhanced security and prosperity for individuals and businesses in both countries”.

The Can/Am Border Trade Alliance (BTA) holds two meetings each year: in the spring in Ottawa and in the fall in Washington, D.C. The BTA is a coalition of businesses, public-sector organizations and individuals with an interest in bilateral trade and tourism. Its mission is to maximize commercial activity and ensure continued growth in cross-border trade as well as efficient and productive border-crossing capabilities.

It should be noted that the views expressed in this news release are specific to the Canadian Section of the Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group and, as such, may not reflect the views of our United States counterparts.

The Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group 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/ia/us](http://www.parl.gc.ca/ia/us).

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