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### **Members of the Canada-U.S. IPG Attend PNWER's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit**

From 12–16 July 2015, the Canadian Section of the Canada–United States Inter-Parliamentary Group (IPG) was represented at the 25<sup>th</sup> annual summit of the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) by Senator Daniel Lang and Mr. Tarik Brahmi, M.P. The meeting was held in Big Sky, Montana. Senator Lang, who chairs the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence, spoke to participants about the Committee's recent report on countering the terrorist threat in Canada.

During the annual summit, a variety of topics of interest to both Canada and the United States were discussed. These topics included transportation, invasive species, education and workforce development, trade and economic development, cyber security, disaster resilience, energy, agriculture, forestry, the environment, mining, water, tourism, innovation and public-private partnerships.

PNWER, which was created in 1991, is a statutory, bi-national public-private partnership composed of five U.S. states – Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington – and, in Canada, three provinces and two territories – Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, the Northwest Territories and Yukon. Additional information about PNWER can be found at: [www.pnwer.org](http://www.pnwer.org).

The 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 IPG can be found at [www.parl.gc.ca/ia/us](http://www.parl.gc.ca/ia/us).

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

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