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### **Canada–U.S. IPG Attends 2015 Fall Meeting of the Can/Am Border Trade Alliance**

From 4–6 October 2015, Senator Wilfred Moore, Q.C., Vice-Chair of the Canadian Section of the Canada–United States Inter-Parliamentary Group (IPG), led a delegation to the 2015 fall meeting of the Canadian/American Border Trade Alliance (Can/Am BTA) in Washington, D.C. The other delegate was Senator Jane Cordy. Senators Moore and Cordy spoke to meeting participants about the recent past and expected future activities of the Canadian Section.

“The Canada–United States IPG was pleased to attend this fall meeting of the Can/Am BTA, an organization that is focused on many of the same issues as the IPG, such as the secure and smooth movement of people and goods across the borders that Canada shares with the United States. We were also happy to be able to speak about the IPG’s priorities as we meet with our federal counterparts, U.S. governors and American state legislators,” said Senator Moore.

Senator Moore concluded: “Beginning with the priorities outlined in the 2001 Smart Border Action Plan concluded by Canada and the United States in the aftermath of the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks, and continuing with the work that is being done in the context of the Beyond the Border and Regulatory Cooperation Council initiatives, I’m glad to see that our countries are working cooperatively on measures designed to enhance joint prosperity for us, as well as for all three North American countries. Certainly, I think that the IPG and the BTA are of one mind on the importance of such collaborative efforts toward realizing the creation of a powerful North American trading bloc.”

The Can/Am 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 IPG and, as such, may not reflect the views of U.S. counterparts.

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