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**COUNTRY STATEMENT**

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Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. I'm very pleased to have this opportunity to address the members of the Policy and Implementation Committee, and to provide you with an update on Canada's activities since joining the Partnership back in October of last year in New Delhi. But first, let me take a moment to extend my gratitude to our hosts of this meeting, and commend the Administrative Support Group for the excellent job they've done in organizing this session, and for developing a program that I'm confident will ensure a fruitful and productive discussion.

This is the first meeting of the Policy and Implementation Committee that Canada has participated in since becoming the 7<sup>th</sup> member of the Partnership, and I'm very pleased to be joined by our PIC members from Natural Resources Canada and Industry Canada. While my Department - Environment Canada – has the overall lead for our participation in the Partnership, it is entirely a whole of Government effort, and I would be remiss not to mention the great deal of work these departments have put into Canada's engagement in the Partnership to date.

Since October 2007, Canada has continued to move ahead with implementing its domestic plan for addressing climate change and clean air. Just recently, we announced further details of new regulations to reduce GHG emissions from Industry, which collectively contributes over half of Canada's total emissions. These regulations are a cornerstone of Canada's *Turning the Corner* Plan, which will reduce Canada's emissions by 20% by 2020. This is an ambitious target that represents a 330 Mt reduction from where Canada's emissions would be in 2020, based on our modeling of continued economic growth.

Just last week, Prime Minister Harper appointed Mr. Michael Martin as Canada's new Climate Change Ambassador and Chief Negotiator. Ambassador Martin will attend next week's meeting of the Major Economies Process.

In order to ensure we reach these ambitious targets, the Canadian government is providing strong support for the efforts of industry and sub-national governments to develop and deploy more energy-efficient and climate-friendly technologies and industrial processes. Last month, our Minister of Natural Resources announced \$140M for two new funds under Canada's EcoEnergy Technology Initiative that will accelerate the development of clean energy technologies in Canada. These funds will advance carbon capture and storage technologies that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the oil sands and coal-fired electricity plants; and advance the development of technologies that will reduce the environmental impacts of oil sands production, such as tailings ponds.

In March of this year, our Prime Minister announced funding of \$240M to support a partnership with the Province of Saskatchewan that will see the development of one of the world's first and largest commercial-scale carbon capture and storage demonstration projects at SaskPower's Boundary Dam Power Station, the site of the demonstration project.

And these are just a few examples of the work underway to put Canada on a path to a low carbon economy. Building on these significant investments that we have made in clean technology development, I'm very pleased to share with you today that Canada intends to invest \$20M over the next three years in projects and activities under the Asia-Pacific Partnership. This investment will be focused on private sector activities that advance the objectives of the APP's task forces, and make significant contributions to the Partnerships' goals of reducing the GHG intensities of our economies in a way that supports sustainable development. The Minister of the Environment, the Honourable John Baird, intends to make a more formal announcement related to Canada's contribution and participation in the APP shortly.

The Government of Canada has contributed over \$3B to advance climate change mitigation technologies since becoming a signatory to the Kyoto Protocol in 1998. Canada has taken a number of serious steps to advance cleaner technologies for GHG reductions and the Asia-Pacific Partnership is part of the country's active engagement on

international cooperative action on climate change.

Canada will soon launch a funding process to solicit proposals from Canadian private sector, academic institutions, and other organizations, to undertake collaborative activities with Member countries that advance the objectives of the Partnership's eight Task Forces.

I'm also pleased to express Canada's interest in Co-chairing the Cement Task Force, subject to the acceptance of our offer by other Partners.

In closing, let me say how much I look forward to our discussions over the next two days, and to contributing to the ongoing success of the Partnership.

Thank you.