CANADA-U.S. COOPERATION: SOME TANGIBLE EXAMPLES
IPG GOALS

• find points of convergence in respective national policies
• initiate dialogue on points of divergence
• encourage the exchange of information
• promote better understanding between Canadian and American legislators on shared issues of concern
IPG “VENUES”

• an annual meeting with Congressional counterparts
• annual or more frequent meetings on Capitol Hill
• meetings of governors and of state legislators, including CSG-West
FOCUS

• trade and investment cooperation
• defence and security cooperation
• energy and environmental cooperation
TRADE & INVESTMENT COOPERATION

• North American trade: valued at more than US$1 trillion in 2017
• U.S.: Canada’s largest merchandise trade and services trade partner in 2017
• Mexico: Canada’s 3\textsuperscript{rd}-largest merchandise trade partner in 2017
TRADE & INVESTMENT COOPERATION

• NAFTA countries build things together and sell things to each other
• more than 25% of global GDP
• collective market valued at US$22 trillion
• more than 480 million consumers
TRADE & INVESTMENT COOPERATION

• NAFTA
• Beyond the Border Initiative
• Integrated Border Enforcement Teams
  ▪ Canada: RCMP, CBSA
  ▪ U.S.: CBP, ICE, Coast Guard
• Regulatory Cooperation Council
• World Trade Organization
• G20
• others
DEFENCE & SECURITY
COOPERATION

• NORAD
• Permanent Joint Board on Defence
• Military Cooperation Committee
• Tri-Command Framework
• NATO
• Global Coalition against Daesh
• others
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION

• ENERGY STAR program
• Regulatory partnership statement and work plan
• MOU: NRCan and U.S. Dept of Energy
• Commission for Environmental Cooperation
• International Joint Commission
• others
OTHER INSTITUTIONS FOR COOPERATION

• United Nations
• G7
• Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
• Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
• Financial Action Task Force
• Organization of American States
• Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum
• World Health Organization
• others
Let’s continue to join forces and focus on a North American future in which our first collective priority is to:

• compete effectively with other countries and regions throughout the world
• work together within North America and internationally in efforts to ensure security for people throughout the world
• protect our shared natural resources.
Questions?

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