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MEMBERS OF THE CANADA–U.S. IPG ATTEND PNWER’S 29TH ANNUAL SUMMIT

From 21–25 July 2019, Senator Yuen Pau Woo and Randy Hoback, M.P., Vice-Chairs of the Canadian Section of the Canada–United States Inter-Parliamentary Group (IPG), led a delegation to the 29th annual summit of the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER), which was held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The other members of the delegation were Senators Jim Munson, David Tkachuk and Pamela Wallin.

“Our delegation was pleased to attend PNWER’s annual summit,” said Senator Woo. “Our nations have a long shared history of being allies and partners, and it is important for all levels of government to foster this relationship. PNWER’s annual summit provides IPG members with the opportunity to discuss regional cross-border initiatives with state and provincial/territorial legislators, as well as engage with private and non-profit organizations that are working to strengthen economic relations between our nations.”

Mr. Hoback concluded: “Our delegation found the summit’s sessions interesting and informative, and we thank the organizers for their hard work. Many of the topics discussed at the summit – including the ratification of the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement, border security, innovation, livestock health, infrastructure and disaster resilience, among others – are important concerns for both of our countries. The information gained during these sessions will help our delegates with their legislative work going forward.”

PNWER, which was created in 1991, is a statutory, bi-national public-private partnership comprising 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.

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