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Canadian Parliamentarians meet with Members of the Future Borders Coalition

On 21 January 2021, members of the Canadian Section of the Canada–United States Inter-Parliamentary Group (IPG) met with a delegation from the Future Borders Coalition. The delegation was led by the organization’s Co-Chairs, Gerry Bruno and Matt Morrison, who were accompanied by other members of the coalition’s board of directors and officers.

“It is important that members of the IPG’s Canadian Section engage with stakeholders directly involved with Canada-U.S. border operations, such as the representatives of the Future Borders Coalition,” said Senator Michael L. MacDonald, Senate Co-Chair of the Canadian Section of the IPG. “The manner in which our governments alter our border operations to address the COVID-19 pandemic must be effective and responsive to changing events. These meetings inform both our legislative work as well as our future conversations with our American counterparts.”

The Honourable Wayne Easter, P.C., M.P., House of Commons’ IPG Co-Chair concluded: “As always, border policy should be driven by the best evidence available, and members of the Canadian section welcomed the information that the representatives of the Future Borders Coalition provided. Canadian and American legislators must ensure that border operations are unencumbered as we manage and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Members of the Canadian section will continue their work in fostering a strong and effective bilateral relationship.”

The Future Borders Coalition is a bi-national group of organizations with an interest in promoting efficiency and security along the Canada–United States border. The coalition’s stated mission is to “continue the work of accelerating a cohesive border vision based on improvements in technology, processes, facilities and innovation to drive ahead economic recovery, prosperity, safety and security.”

The Canada–United States 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.ca/CEUS.

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