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Statement by Wendy Zatylny, President of the Association of Canadian Port Authorities, on the Trans-Pacific Partnership

Wendy Zatylny, President of the Association of Canadian Port Authorities (ACPA) today issued the following statement in response to the announcement that an agreement has been reached by the twelve countries that make up the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), including Canada, to create the world's largest regional trade zone:

"Today's announcement of a successful conclusion to the TPP negotiations is further proof that Canada continues to shine as a trading nation with a free and open economy.

With over \$400 billion worth of goods shipped or received through Canadian port authorities each year, with trading partners in more than 160 countries, ACPA supports efforts that open new markets and grow Canada's two-way trade.

In addition to new market access provisions for many of Canada's leading economic sectors, we also support efforts aimed at increasing the speed and transparency of customs clearance procedures as well as measures that strengthen global supply chains and enhance Canada's global competitiveness.

Canadian Port Authorities can to be powerful trade enablers and business developers for Canada. Our ports stand ready to seize the trade-related opportunities that TPP stands to offer and we look forward to working with our partners in the public and private sectors as we pair 21st century trade with 21st century supply chain efficiency and excellence."

Wendy Zatylny is President of the Association of Canadian Port Authorities, representing the 18 Canada Port Authorities and related marine interests which handle more than \$400 billion worth of cargo annually, creating 250,000 direct and indirect jobs that pay higher-than-average wages.

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