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### **North American Automotive Industry Statement on the Creation of the Automotive Partnership Council of North America**

Washington, DC – U.S. President Bush, Canadian Prime Minister Harper, and Mexican President Fox are meeting this week in Cancun, Mexico on the trilateral Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP), which includes discussion on measures that would further automotive industry integration, economic growth, and the global competitiveness of the North American automotive industry.

As part of the SPP process, the North American automotive industry, represented by all major manufacturers and their suppliers from the United States, Canada and Mexico, recently established the Automotive Partnership Council of North America (APCNA), and identified an initial list of priority action items.

The automotive industry is the single largest manufacturing sector in North America and represents the largest component of trade between Canada, the United States and Mexico. The success and competitiveness of the North American automotive industry stems in large part from the regional integration of the industry.

The associations and companies involved in the APCNA are eager to work together as an industry in cooperation with our partners in government to strengthen the regional competitiveness and prosperity of our industry across North America.

We applaud President Bush, Prime Minister Harper, and President Fox for their leadership and support and will continue to work closely with all three governments on automotive sector issues within the SPP-APCNA process.

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