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PECC Elects Don Campbell as New Co-Chair

Monday, 30 April 2012 (Singapore) – At the Standing Committee meeting of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council held in Singapore on Friday, Don Campbell, a Distinguished Fellow of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada and Senior Strategic Advisor for Davis LLP, has been unanimously elected Co-Chair of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC). He is also the Chair of Canadian National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (CANCPEC). Mr. Campbell's former appointments with the Canadian government include Deputy Foreign Minister (1997-2000), Deputy Minister for International Trade (1989-1993), Ambassador to Japan (1993-1997), and Ambassador to Korea (1984-1985). From 2000 to 2007, he was Group President of CAE Inc.

"As Asia grows in importance for Canada in terms of trade, geopolitics, and cultural exchanges, I am delighted to take this position and very much look forward to working with friends and colleagues of PECC network," said Mr. Campbell. He assumes the position from Dr. Charles E. Morrison, President of the East-West Center, who has served last two terms (2005-2012) as PECC Co-Chair. Mr. Jusuf Wanandi, Member of the Board of the Trustees for the Centre for Strategic and International Studies of Indonesia, will serve another term as the other Co-Chair alongside Mr. Don Campbell.

The Standing Committee members expressed the view that we must adapt to dynamic changes taking place in the region including the opening up of Myanmar. PECC should be prepared to engage even economies currently outside its membership with the aim of providing support wherever possible. Members agreed that PECC is not just about promoting trade among economies but also about building a sense of inclusive community and working together to achieve mutual prosperity within the region.

Canada will host the next PECC General Meeting back-to-back with the next Standing Committee meeting in Vancouver in mid-2013.

About the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council

The Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) is a non-profit international organization committed to the promotion of cooperation and dialogue in the Asia Pacific. Founded in 1980, PECC is a tripartite network of 26 member committees comprising individuals and institutions dedicated to this shared mission. Of the 26 member committees, 23 represent the economies of Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Hong Kong (China), Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands Forum, Peru, the Philippines, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, the United States of America, and Vietnam. The PECC also has one associate member, France (Pacific Territories), and two institutional members, the Pacific Trade and Development Conference and the Pacific Basin Economic Council. As the only non-governmental official observer of APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation), PECC provides independent business and research input for the regional policy-making process. www.pecc.org

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