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B.C. TO SHOWCASE CLIMATE ACTION IN COPENHAGEN

VANCOUVER – Premier Gordon Campbell will join the Canadian delegation, other sub-national leaders and global heads of state to discuss the future of climate action at the United Nations Climate Change Summit in Copenhagen, Dec. 14-16.

“Copenhagen is an exceptional opportunity to come together and work out a global roadmap for climate action that engages all levels of government to find a solution to the challenge of our generation,” said Premier Campbell. “I will be in Copenhagen to support the federal government and represent British Columbia as a sub-national jurisdiction that is taking significant steps towards addressing climate change locally, and building national and international partnerships that are helping to tackle global warming on a larger scale.”

Premier Campbell will participate in a number of climate change discussions at the Copenhagen conference, some of which include:

- **Dec. 14 - International Carbon Action Partnership (ICAP) state of play and outlook for 2010:** Premier Campbell will be the keynote speaker at this event, which will present ICAP’s current and future activities contributing to the establishment of a well-functioning global carbon market and the development of well-designed and compatible domestic emissions trading systems.
- **Dec. 15 - Climate Leaders Summit:** Premier Campbell will take part in the 2009 Climate Leaders Summit, which will inspire climate talks at Copenhagen by bringing together sub-national government and business leaders together to advance low-carbon solutions and forge new partnerships with developing regions. As part of the Climate Leaders Summit, Premier Campbell will participate in:
 - **Climate Leaders Summit, States and Regions:** A discussion between premiers, governors, ministers, CEOs and vice-presidents about government and business co-operation required to implement a global deal.
 - **Climate Leaders Summit Roundtable session ‘Power to the People – Our Clean Energy Future’:** A roundtable session which will focus on policies that promote renewable energy and how to expand such technologies.
 - **Beyond Cap & Trade: Sub-national Leadership-Sooner. Stronger:** Premier Campbell will highlight British Columbia’s climate action measures at a gathering of

U.S. governors, Canadian premiers and other sub-national leaders to discuss the policy tools to best mitigate climate change.

In advance of the Copenhagen conference, British Columbia released a policy document today outlining detailed actions and policies it has committed to or has implemented and is encouraging other national and sub-national governments to consider. View 'Climate Action for the 21st Century' at www.gov.bc.ca/copenhagen.

British Columbia has been at the forefront of efforts to work collaboratively on climate initiatives, including chairing the International Carbon Action Partnership, co-chairing the Western Climate Initiative, sitting as executive committee member on The Climate Registry, and forming the Pacific Coast Collaborative with Alaska, California, Oregon, and Washington.

"It's important to recognize that sub-national governments – such as Canadian provinces and U.S. states – have already made real progress in building solutions that can work at the national level," said Premier Campbell. "British Columbia has an important role to play in Copenhagen, both in supporting development of a global plan and in sharing our climate action measures with other governments."

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