



## Resolution 34-4

### *RESOLUTION CONCERNING GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT*

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**WHEREAS** economic relations between the United States and Canada are the world's most extensive, with trade amounting to more than US\$1.5 billion per day, and these relations contribute directly to the maintaining of 8 million jobs in the United States and 3 million jobs in Canada; and

**WHEREAS** the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers (NEG/ECP) acknowledges that the success of these economic relations depends to a large extent on the highly integrated nature of American and Canadian supply chains, through which Canada and the United States build products together that are sold in their markets and around the world; and

**WHEREAS** the NEG/ECP is firmly committed to promoting economic development in the region and one of the ways to favour such development is to expand market access for government procurement; and

**WHEREAS** the signing of the Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America on Government Procurement, which came into effect on February 16, 2010, has contributed to enhanced, mutually beneficial access to government procurement contracts in both countries; and

**WHEREAS** the Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America on Government Procurement provides that the parties will enter into discussions to explore an agreement to expand, on a reciprocal basis, the current commitments with respect to market access for government procurement.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the NEG/ECP support the Governments of the United States and Canada to enter without delay into discussions to explore the expansion, on a reciprocal basis, of both countries' commitments with respect to market access for government procurement.

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and Eastern Canadian Premiers in Lenox, Massachusetts on July 12, 2010*

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