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## NAFTANEXT Statement on United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement

WASHINGTON, DC (October 3, 2018) – On September 30, negotiators from Canada announced that they would agree to participate in a renamed North American trade agreement – the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). This is the latest development in the North American partners' efforts to update and improve the twenty-four year+ old North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). With this step, the leadership of all three partners has committed to continuing efforts to update and improve this vital North American trading bloc. NAFTANEXT applauds this successful next step in the NAFTA renegotiation process and praises the leaders of all three countries for their commitment to maintain the trilateral nature of the deal.

“Since our inception, NAFTANEXT has emphasized the critical importance of trade and transportation to our North American supply chains and the value that the tri-national relationship brings to all three countries,” said NAFTANEXT Co-Founder, Jeff Agnew. “By agreeing to the general outline of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, the negotiators of the U.S., Canada and Mexico have reaffirmed their commitment to these values as well.”

As we look to the future of our freight network, a strong trading relationship between the U.S., Canada and Mexico is essential to North American global competitiveness, as is a commitment to environmental protections and transportation infrastructure. While legislatures in the U.S., Canada and Mexico consider this deal going forward, we urge them to remember the importance of trilateral trade in North America.

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