Beyond the Border
A Shared Vision for Perimeter Security and Economic Competitiveness

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• **Beyond the Border: A Shared Vision for Perimeter Security and Economic Competitiveness** (Feb. 2011)
  - Articulates a perimeter approach to security by working together within, at, and away from our borders

• **Beyond the Border Action Plan** (Dec. 2011)
  - Specifies commitments, milestones, and metrics and includes over 30 concrete initiatives with timelines and responsible agencies

• **Beyond the Border Implementation Reports**
  - Annual reports describing the progress made toward achieving the goals set out in the Action Plan
I. Addressing Threats Early

• Achieved **mutual recognition of our respective Air Cargo Security Programs** for passenger aircraft

• Eliminating rescreening of **checked baggage** for flights to the U.S. from eight preclearance airports in Canada

• Implemented a **joint Entry/Exit** program at all automated land ports of entry for third country nationals

• Developed the **U.S. – Canada Integrated Cargo Security Strategy** and deployed innovative pilots to test and validate

• Signed an **Immigration Information Sharing Agreement** to enhance screening of visa applicants and began biographic and biometric information sharing

• Opening Canada’s **Electronic Travel Authorization** system for applications in August 2015; will be required for visa-exempt 3rd country nations as of March 2016 (not U.S. or Canadian citizens)
II. Trade Facilitation, Economic Growth, and Jobs

• Negotiated and signed a Land/Rail/Marine/Air Preclearance Agreement, to enhance security and expedite legitimate travel and trade

• Went “live” with Single Window in Canada for 5 of 9 regulating agencies and certain early adopters - full deployment by late 2016, aligned with development of U.S. system (full deployment also by late 2016)

• Created new benefits for NEXUS members - simplified renewal process, added NEXUS lanes, and expedited airport screening

• Concluded two phases of a cargo pre-inspection pilot - U.S. conducted primary inspection of U.S.-bound trucks in Canada

• Set conditions for Fall 2015 launch of a U.S. in-transit pilot for goods originating from Canada and destined to another location in Canada, but whose routing transits the United States
• The Preclearance Agreement was signed by Secretary Johnson and Minister Blaney on March 16, 2015 in Washington, D.C.

• For the first time, the Agreement will cover all modes - land, rail, marine, and air - and will supersede the 2001 Air Preclearance Agreement

• Per the Action Plan, it includes a solution for legal jurisdiction issues

• Requires legislation in both countries prior to entering into force

• Will consult with stakeholders to address implementation considerations, including facility requirements
II. Trade Facilitation, Economic Growth, and Jobs

• Announced significant investments in critical border infrastructure
  o Canada announced funding of $127 million for major upgrades (North Portal, SK; Emerson, MB; Lansdowne, ON; Lacolle, QC;)
  o In the U.S., border infrastructure investments of roughly $151 million made or announced
  o Other complementary investments outside scope of BTB

• Released two Border Infrastructure Investment Plans to coordinate priorities and efforts
  o Process included stakeholder consultations

• Continued to align and enhance Trusted Trader programs
  o Preparing for fully automated PIP/C-TPAT online portal for cross-border highway carriers by the fall of 2015; other modes/businesses to follow
  o Following pilot, advancing plans to regularize PIP-member access to FAST lane at Blue Water Bridge; will extend access to other locations as volumes allow
III. Integrated Cross-Border Law Enforcement

- Deployed *Shiprider* operations in Ontario/Michigan and British Columbia/Washington State; additional locations planned
- Deployed a bi-national *radio interoperability system* between border enforcement personnel at two locations to coordinate effective investigations
- Tested cross-border *emergency communication systems interoperability* to improve response coordination during disasters

IV. Critical Infrastructure and Cybersecurity

- Completed first cross-border *Regional Resilience Assessment Program* project (Maine/New Brunswick) and began work on a second project (Alaska/Yukon)
- Released a joint *Cybersecurity Action Plan* to enhance collaboration on shared cyber infrastructure
V. Managing Our New Long-Term Partnership

• Released a joint **Statement of Privacy Principles** (May 2012) to inform and guide the provision, receipt, and use of personal information exchanged under BTB

• Maintained oversight and accountability through an **Executive Steering Committee** which holds annual meetings and through publication of an annual **Implementation Report**

• Developed a **Forward Plan** that introduces new or enhanced measures to build upon initial BTB successes and lessons learned
  - Published as an annex to the 2014 Implementation Report
  - Areas of work include: health security, enhanced screening, and visa validation
Upcoming Milestones

• Pursuing the steps needed to implement the Preclearance Agreement
• Harmonizing the Canadian and U.S. Trusted Trader portals
• Publication of the Integrated Cargo Security Strategy pilot summary
• U.S. to launch a Known Employer pilot by the end of the year and an in-transit pilot this fall
• Conducting stakeholder consultations and completing the Border Infrastructure Investment Plan 3.0
• Deployment of Phase III of the Entry/Exit program
• Shiprider expansion to Niagara and St. Lawrence River
• Measurable benefits have emerged and fuller benefits will be realized as implementation continues

• Both countries remain committed to achieving Beyond the Border objectives by:
  o Getting key outstanding initiatives “over the finish line”
  o Leveraging BTB successes to date under a new Forward Plan
  o Institutionalizing the BTB mechanism

• Continuing to drive progress and maintain momentum through:
  o Ongoing stakeholder engagement
  o Continued collaboration by U.S. and Canadian agencies, particularly through Fall 2015 and 2016
How you can be involved:

• **Stay informed.** Read the Action Plan and fact sheets and stay up to date on milestones and outreach events

• **Provide feedback.** Your ideas can help guide implementation; provide feedback at public forums like this one or email your ideas

• **Enroll in trusted trader and traveler programs and encourage others to do so**