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PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCES CANADA TO HOST 2010 G8 SUMMIT IN HUNTSVILLE

Huntsville, ON – Prime Minister Stephen Harper today announced the 2010 G8 Summit will be held at the Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville, Ontario. It will be the fifth G8 Summit hosted by Canada since the country joined the prestigious international organization in 1976. The Prime Minister was joined at the announcement by Tony Clement, Canada's Health Minister and Member of Parliament for Parry Sound-Muskoka.

"Huntsville is a jewel in the Canadian Shield and an ideal location for this gathering of world leaders," said Prime Minister Harper. "Our international guests will be charmed by the uniquely Canadian beauty of the region and by the warm hospitality of Muskokans."

The Prime Minister emphasized the Summit will be a tremendous opportunity to promote Canada's values and interests on the world stage; to advocate for open markets and free trade; to insist on truly global action against global warming; and to champion freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law.

He also observed that Huntsville and the Muskokas will benefit from the significant economic activity associated with the Summit, noting the 2002 G8 Summit in Kananaskis, Alberta generated an estimated \$300 million for the regional economy. Prime Minister Harper added that the international media attending the Summit would introduce millions of potential tourists to the many attractions of Ontario cottage country.

"The 2010 G8 Summit will provide short and long-term economic benefits for the region and the province, and it will be an exceptional opportunity for Canada to advance its values and interests on the world stage," Prime Minister Harper concluded.

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