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CIGI experts available for comment on Pittsburgh G20 Summit

Waterloo, Canada – September 22, 2009 – Experts from The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) are available for comment and analysis on the upcoming G20 summit taking place in Pittsburgh on September 24 -25. CIGI Associate Director and Distinguished Fellow Andrew Cooper will be stationed in the media centre at the summit, while the other CIGI experts are available to comment from Washington and Canada.

Alan Alexandroff – a senior fellow at CIGI, he recently launched the Global Institutional Reform (GIR) Workshop, a project designed to evaluate the adequacy of institutional reform proposals for the international system. He has trained trade negotiators, judges and trade officials on the World Trade Organization (WTO) covered agreements, particularly in China.

Colin Bradford – a CIGI senior fellow, can comment on the G20 summit and IMF reform, different positions of industrial vs. emerging market members of the G20, the difference between "G8 enlargement" and the G20 replacing the G8 as the global steering committee, and different positions of Europe vs. the U.S. on IMF reform.

Gregory Chin – a CIGI senior fellow, is available to comment on China's and the East Asian countries' response to the international financial crisis, the limits to the Chinese currency's role as an international currency, collective responses to the balance of payments challenges, remaking the Bretton Woods system and other global economic architecture, and the collective interests of the new G5/emerging powers grouping.

Andrew F. Cooper – the associate director of CIGI and a distinguished fellow, can provide commentary on the rising economic and diplomatic power of countries, such as China, India, Brazil, South Africa and Mexico, as well as their inclusion in the G20 summit structure and the ongoing G8 Heiligendamm Dialogue Process; Canadian and comparative foreign policies; innovative diplomacy; global health; celebrity diplomacy; and global governance.

John Curtis – a CIGI distinguished fellow, he can provide background and insight into factors leading to the current financial/economic crisis and policies, matters relating to international

trade (WTO, NAFTA etc.), the performance of the world economy (history, policy, countries etc.). He is one of Canada's best recognized economic policy advisors and was the first Chief Economist at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT).

Daniel Schwanen – CIGI deputy executive director of programs, can comment on the links between the financial markets and the real economy, macro-economic imbalances (fiscal and current account), impact of the global financial crisis and responses to it in Canada and abroad. Prior to CIGI, he was an international economist with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, where he covered G7 economic developments and the European Community single market process.

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