



Government of
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SASKATCHEWAN ◊ BRITISH COLUMBIA ◊ ALBERTA

2009 BRITISH COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL OPEN SKIES SUMMIT DECLARATION ON OPEN SKIES

Direct, unfettered transportation links between Western Canada and the world are crucial to our economic vision for our provinces. Removing unnecessary barriers to international air carriers' access to British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan will allow international air carriers to freely transport passengers and cargo to and from the Canadian airports of their choice. We believe this will allow businesses to grow and jobs to be created, both in our gateways and regional economies.

We have made good progress with the recent Open Skies agreement between Canada and South Korea. More progress is needed to capitalize on markets and opportunities for Western Canadians.

The Purpose of the 2009 British Columbia Open Skies Summit Declaration:

This Summit Declaration establishes a process for Canada's Western Provinces to coordinate and advance research and communication activities that will result in more Open Skies agreements between the federal government and other nations with resulting benefits for Western Canada.


In so doing, British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan will:

1. Exchange information, research and analysis;
2. Participate in and jointly support projects and programs of mutual interest;
3. Engage industry and other jurisdictions to accelerate Open Skies agreements for our provinces; and
4. Undertake advocacy and public education to advance the case for the economic benefits of Open Skies agreements.

Signed at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 25th day of September, 2009.


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