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Greetings from the Prime Minister

It is with great pleasure that I extend my personal greetings to all those attending the 2007 International Summit for Police and Peace Officer Executives.

This year's theme – Executive Leadership: Preparing for Tomorrow – highlights the importance of planning and preparation for leaders in law enforcement. As globalization and technology make our world ever smaller and more connected, we face growing challenges from international criminal organizations, including terrorist groups. Police executives are responding to these challenges by working closely with their counterparts around the world, sharing intelligence, collaborating on investigations and training police in developing and recovering countries. Canada is helping to build interdependency among international police agencies, and I am particularly proud to say that Canadian police and peace officers are playing a leading role in the training of police forces in troubled countries like Afghanistan and Haiti.

Law-abiding citizens everywhere appreciate the vital role you play in keeping our communities safe by upholding the rule of law. Civil society depends on the hard work and sacrifices of the many courageous men and women who choose careers in law enforcement. Every day, police officers put on their uniforms to serve and protect their fellow citizens, and for that, we all owe you an immense debt of gratitude.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, please accept my best wishes for a productive conference.

Sincerely,

*The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada*