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**Date: Thursday, April 14**

17:00 (5:00 pm) Opening Reception and Standing Dinner for all Conference Attendees

Welcoming Remarks: CWRU Law School Dean, UWO Law School Dean

*Chris – While I see great value in creating a venue where attendees and speakers who have arrived can get together, I have some doubts about a Thursday evening launch. I suspect people will straggle in that evening and we may not have a respectable audience for a serious speaker. We should discuss further.*

**Date: Friday, April 15**

Opening of Friday proceedings

9:00 Opening Keynote - Speaker(s): TBD *This speaker should set the tone and challenges for the conference – putting North America in a global context, outlining the key issues we face, explaining how the 2 countries can work together and suggesting some possible directions.*

9:30 Panel 1: Facing the World Together – Legislation in Canada-United States Economic Policy Making

*Concept: This panel would set the theme for the conference, and would ideally feature a Member of Congress and a Member of Parliament, and focus on the extent to which lawmakers take note of what the other country is doing when debating legislative proposals with economic impact* Chris – the problem I have with this is that while Canada, not surprisingly, pays a great deal of attention to US practices, priorities, etc., it would be surprising (to Canadians) if US administration and Congress paid very much attention to Canada in setting economic policies – unless

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the field is energy. Perhaps the politicians could focus more on how the challenges are viewed from each country and where they see opportunities for the 2 countries to work together. Let's discuss.

10:30 Break

10:45 Panel 2: Roadside Assistance – Auto Industry Crisis and Recovery

*Concept: This panel would discuss the efforts of Canada and the United States to avert auto industry bankruptcies at General Motors and Chrysler, the treatment of shareholders, disposition of contracts with labor unions, suppliers, and dealerships. Chris – how about making the session more forward-looking in the sense that government in both countries have enable the industry to restructure itself, but where does it go from here? US and Canada have a stake in a healthy NA automotive industry (Mexico is also a key part of the future NA industry). Can the countries work together on standards, R&D, trade measures? The US is sinking billions into next-generation technology but this is designed in large part to bring on investment and jobs in US. At Ontario-US states level, there is intense competition for investment and jobs. Do we need some kind of investment agreement to constrain subsidy competition? Is there a way of devising a division of labour without undermining the importance of competition?*

12:00 Luncheon Keynote  
Speaker(s): TBD

13:30 (1:30 pm) Panel 3: Shock and Awe – Building an Interdependent Electricity Grid

*Concept: This panel would consider the challenge of improving the electricity grid and interconnections between Canada and the United States, with a focus on the role that the law will play in forcing a reduction in coal usage, mandating renewable/alternative portfolio standards, and pressing firms and consumers to adapt to higher energy prices and new carbon controls; additionally, the role of intellectual property and “Buy American” issues in the US-Canada Clean Energy Dialogue*

14:45 (2:45 pm) Break

15:00 (3:00 pm) Panel 4: Follow the Money – Financial Market Regulatory Reforms

*Concept: This panel would review the recent changes in the United States financial market regulatory framework (the Dodd-Frank legislation) and the impact on banks and investment funds, as well as Canadian moves toward a national securities regulator, and how the two revamped systems will interact.*

16:15 (4:15 pm) Break

16:30 (4:30 pm) Panel 5: Facing the World Together – Litigation in Canada-United States Policy Making

*Concept: This panel would discuss the role of the courts as referees in the economic arena, from NAFTA panels to the US trials of Conrad Black and Bernie Ebbers, to the potential of courts to address challenges to the application of “Buy American” provisions of the ARRA, court challenges related to the DRIC project, to the annual dialogues between the US and Canadian Supreme Courts; will the courts play a growing or a stable role in the future management of economic relations between Canada and the United States?*

17:45 (5:45 pm) Adjourn Afternoon Proceedings

18:30 (6:30 pm) Reception and Dinner

Hon. James Blanchard and Hon. James Peterson

20:00 (8:00 pm) Presentation of the Henry T. King Award  
Honoree: TBD

*Dinner Speaker (TBD)*

21:00 (9:00 pm) Adjourn

**Date: Saturday, April 16**

9:00 Panel 1: Facing the World Together – Outstanding Canada-U.S trade issues

*Concept: This panel would examine the state of the economic, trade and Investment relationship.*

10:15 Break

10:45 Panel 2: Facing the World Together – The Future of CUSFTA-NAFTA

*Concept: With the various efforts by Canada and the U.S. to independently pursue FTAs with third parties, the growing importance of global value chains and the emergence of the BRICs as key players in global trade and investment has CUSFTA-NAFTA become much less relevant- how do we see future trade and investment priorities emerging in the business sector and among strategic policymakers.*

12:00 Box lunch and wrap-up speaker who would draw main conclusions and summary of the conference.

1:30 Adjourn.

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**I would like to propose that we think about carrying the conference over into Saturday morning with a couple of sessions – one addressing outstanding Canada-US issues both bilaterally and in differences in positions at Doha negotiations. We could include the issue of each country pursuing more and more bilateral FTAs independently and what this will mean for the future of NAFTA (especially with global value chains). It might also be interesting to hold a session on the future of NAFTA – with the growing globalization of our economies is NAFTA becoming less and less relevant. We could adjourn at noon, with an informal lunch for those who wished it.**