## CANADA-UNITED STATES REGULATORY COOPERATION COUNCIL (RCC)

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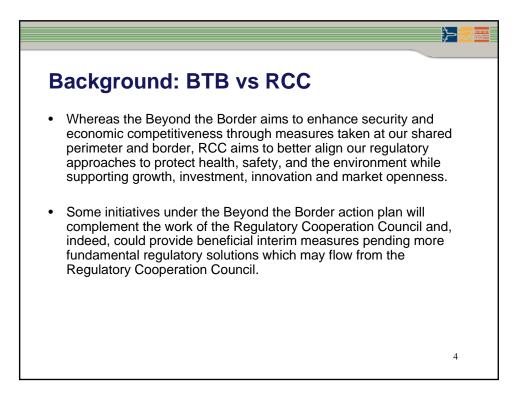


• To preserve and strengthen close relationship between Canada and the United States, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and President Barack Obama announced the *Beyond the Border Declaration* and the *Canada-United States Regulatory Cooperation Council* on February 4, 2011.

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- Both initiatives seek to deepen our partnership and enhance our security, prosperity and economic competitiveness while respecting each other's sovereignty.
- The Beyond the Border Declaration articulates a perimeter approach to security in which both countries work together to address threats at the earliest point possible – within, at, and away from our borders – while facilitating the lawful movement of people, goods, and services into our countries and across our shared border.



## **Initial RCC Action Plan**

• The RCC's initial Action Plan (December 2012 – March 2014) was made up of 29 individual initiatives, 11 of which were Transport Canada's.

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- The Initial Action Plan was intended to:
  - test bi-national Canada-U.S. cooperation through tangible examples
  - allow consideration of more systemic cooperation to avoid future misalignment
  - inform future work
- The Initial Action Plan was successful in:
  - building an understanding of how to achieve alignment on an ongoing basis
  - demonstrating the 'proof of concept' through individual initiatives
  - clarifying the various categories of benefits that can be realized
  - identifying barriers and challenges to closer cooperation

