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Governor Schwarzenegger and United Nations Announce Co-Hosts of Governors' Global Climate Summit 2

*U.S. and International Leaders Come Together in Advance of Next
Global Agreement to Address Climate Change*

Urging leaders from across the globe to further their commitment to collective action in our fight against climate change, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) announced the U.S. governors who will be joining him as co-hosts of the Governors' Global Climate Summit 2 on September 30 through October 2 in Los Angeles. This international summit will broaden cooperative efforts by subnational governments to implement strategies that can immediately grow a green economy, increase the use of sustainable clean energy, reduce dependence on oil and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in advance of and in support of, the next global agreement on climate change.

“California is working with leaders from across the globe to take action against climate change and this summit helps coordinate efforts and builds a common purpose to solve a global problem that impacts us all,” said Governor Schwarzenegger. “These leaders share our commitment to developing strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that will grow a robust green economy - and this summit will serve as a forum to exchange innovative ideas that are producing real solutions to protect the environment and generate new economic activity throughout the world. With this collective action we are uniting in one voice to send a strong message to influence our national governments as they take the next steps toward a new global agreement to address climate change.”

“We believe that low carbon growth is possible,” said Olav Kjørven, UN Assistant Secretary General and UNDP policy director. “There are policy and investment strategies that reduce carbon footprint and stimulate economic growth. It’s not enough for those strategies to be adopted by the national governments; they must be translated into concrete measures in regions and provinces. Any country as a whole will succeed in responding to climate change only if its regions have the right expertise, technology and sources of investments. The ambition of this

summit is to allow leaders of regions from around the world to share how they're able cope with climate change effects and cut their emissions. It is a major milestone on the way to a just and equitable deal in Copenhagen.”

“This powerful gathering of leaders from regions and states, supported by business, sends a clear signal to world leaders that action on climate change is not only necessary but is the key to a 21st century low carbon, resource efficient green economy,” said Achim Steiner, UN Under-Secretary General and UNEP Executive Director. “With less than 80 days to go to the crucial UN climate convention meeting in Copenhagen the determination of these key sub-national leaders to be part of the solution should in turn empower national leaders to seal the deal in December.”

Expert panelists attending the summit hail from more than 70 states, provinces and countries on six continents. More than 30 governors from around the world will participate in the summit.

The U.S. governors joining Governor Schwarzenegger to co-host the summit are Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell, Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm, New York Governor David Paterson, Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski, Washington Governor Chris Gregoire and Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle. These governors understand that a strong economy and strong environmental protections go hand-in-hand and have promoted policies to reduce global warming emissions and increase the use of renewable energy in their own states. A number of other states also will have representatives at the summit.

The summit will focus on subnational governments and the vital role they play in growing their economies while also reducing harmful pollution. The summit includes 21 different panels featuring discussions on energy efficiency, low carbon fuels, green buildings, clean technology, job creation, water management, deforestation, sustainable development, training opportunities and adaptation strategies as we look toward Copenhagen and influencing the international debate on climate change.

Governor Schwarzenegger has invited internationally-recognized leaders from around the world including Obama administration officials, United Nations officials, Canadian premiers, and international governors and mayors. For a list of esteemed participants, please visit, www.gcgtools.com/connect/public/GCG/GGCS2009/File/082509-VVIPDocument.pdf.

This year's summit will build upon on the accomplishments made at the first-ever Governors' Global Climate Summit in 2008. At that summit, international leaders committed to reducing greenhouse gases from deforestation, advanced policies on international offset projects and collaborated with nations such as China, which just launched its first voluntary carbon registry. The world is now taking notice of the important role for provinces and states in fighting global warming.

At the close of the summit, participants will sign a joint declaration that will include: commitments to pursue clean transportation and mobility; support for national climate change legislation, not only in the United States, but throughout the world; acknowledgement of the need for greater efforts to address our mutual need to adapt to climate change; and support for

the recognition of the role of subnational governments in all aspects of achieving a global climate solution this December in Copenhagen.

For more information on the summit, please visit: www.ggcs2.org.

The Governors' Global Climate Summit 2 is sponsored by: ACTI; Aga Khan Development Network; Allianz of America Corporation; BMW; California Ski Industry Association; Carbonflow; Chevron Corporation; Cisco Systems; Conoco Phillips; Conservation Fund; Disney Corporation; EcoSecurities; Edison International; Farmers Insurance; First Solar; Horn Foundation; HP; Kroger; Metropolitan Water District; NextEra Energy Resources; Pacific Capital Group; Pegasus Capital Advisors, L.P.; PG&E; Schueco International KG; Sempra; Silver Spring Network; Starbucks; Terrapass; The Orsa Group; Toyota, the Official Transportation Provider; Union Bank; University of Phoenix; Virgin, Official Domestic Airline; Waste Management.

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