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## Press Statement – National Center for APEC and APEC 2011 USA Host Committee Express Condolences to Victims of the Earthquake in Japan

The National Center for APEC and the APEC 2011 USA Host Committee extend their deepest sympathies to the people of Japan as well as the Japanese APEC community for the devastation and anguish that the country is suffering as a result of the recent earthquakes and tsunamis that struck off the coast near Sendai. This series of tragedies and aftermaths, like the recent earthquakes in APEC economies New Zealand, China, Indonesia, and Chile remind us how the economies and people of the Pacific Rim are inextricably linked. Disasters that affect one member economy affect our entire region. Japan has taken significant steps to prepare for and mitigate the impact of such a disaster, and we hope that this effort will aid a rapid recovery of the Japanese people and nation.

We are enormously relieved to hear of the safety of our colleagues in the APEC Business Advisory Council in Japan and the Government of Japan agencies with whom we have worked for many years. We encourage all of them to continue to communicate with us as they can, especially as specific needs are identified where the APEC business community might be able to assist on what surely will be a long and difficult road toward full and robust recovery. We know that the people of Japan have tremendous strength, resilience and courage to meet the incomparable challenge ahead; we hope our Japanese friends know that they will have our full support in doing so.

The National for APEC encourages those wishing to provide assistance to the earthquake victims to donate through the [American Red Cross](#) or the [International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies](#).

Monica Whaley  
President

### **About the National Center for APEC**

The National Center for APEC (NCAPEC) is a US private, non-profit organization, supported by member companies represented by a Board of Governors from some of America's leading companies. It is the nation's only business organization focused exclusively on APEC, home to approximately 60% of world GDP and more than half of global trade. When the United States hosts APEC in 2011, NCAPEC will serve as secretariat to the APEC 2011 USA Host Committee. The National Center's mission is to facilitate business participation in APEC by supporting the efforts of the private sector in the APEC process

### **About the APEC 2011 USA Host Committee**

The APEC 2011 USA Host Committee's mission is to advance the US business agenda in the Asia Pacific region by creating high quality opportunities for private sector engagement during the US hosting of APEC 2011. The Host Committee will design, organize and execute the US APEC CEO Summit held in Honolulu in November; develop and participate in industry-driven events held in the United States throughout 2011 to coincide with Ministerial Meetings; and conduct education/outreach programs in coordination with USG and partner organizations focusing on the economic policy community as well as small and medium sized businesses and the general public.