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### **NCAPEC Applauds U.S. Negotiators Finalizing the Trans-Pacific Partnership**

The National Center for APEC (NCAPEC) congratulates United States Trade Representative Michael Froman for finalizing the text of the Trans-Pacific Partnership. NCAPEC has long supported open and rules-based trade in the Asia-Pacific. “We are hopeful that this agreement will prove to be the first step towards robust economic integration in the Asia-Pacific region,” said NCAPEC President Monica Whaley.

Today’s announcement concludes five years of complex negotiations requiring many trade-offs with countries in a number of industry sectors. NCAPEC and its member companies look forward to analyzing the details of the agreement in the coming weeks.

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

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