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GREENLATINOS SUPPORTS HISTORIC TRILATERAL RENEWABLE ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE AGREEMENT
Mexico and Canada join the United States in Groundbreaking Partnership

WASHINGTON, DC – Following the announcement by the Obama Administration that the heads of state of Canada, Mexico, and the United States of America have reached a historic agreement on a concrete set of actions to position these North American countries as a low-carbon sustainable economy and society, Mark Magaña, President & CEO of GreenLatinos issued the following statement: “This historic step forward in partnership with Mexico and Canada to create a North American economic region that is charting its growth with the long-term sustainability of its industry, the health of its citizens, and the protection of its environment and natural resources in mind is truly a step in the right direction. The commitments by President Obama, President Peña Nieto, and Prime Minister Trudeau to achieve 50% of its energy production from renewable sources by 2025 and reduce methane emissions from the oil & gas sector will help us transition away from harmful fossil fuels that are driving climate change around the globe.”

Magaña went on to add: “GreenLatinos’ member-driven core priorities this year include a focus on climate change cessation and mitigation, as well as renewable energy proliferation. This agreement lays out a strong commitment to both of those goals - not only domestically, but internationally as well. Ultimately, the North American Climate, Clean Energy, and Environment Partnership will benefit Latino communities that we fight for domestically and abroad in Mexico and Canada.”

The North American Climate, Clean Energy, and Environment Partnership is an ambitious action plan supported by all three nations that sets trilateral goals of achieving 50% of its power generation from renewable sources by 2025, reducing methane emissions from the oil & gas sectors by 40%-45% by 2025, promoting cleaner and more efficient transportation by aligning transportation-related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions regulations, among other important environmental and conservation goals.

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GreenLatinos, is a national non-profit organization that convenes a broad coalition of Latino leaders committed to addressing national, regional and local environmental, natural resources and conservation issues that significantly affect the health and welfare of the Latino community in the United States. GreenLatinos provides an inclusive table at which its members establish collaborative partnerships and networks to improve the environment; protect and promote conservation of land and other natural resources; amplify the voices of minority, low-income and tribal communities; and train, mentor, and promote the current and future generations of Latino environmental leaders for the benefit of the Latino community and beyond. GreenLatinos develops and advocates for policies and programs to advance this mission.