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## **GOVERNMENT OF CANADA LAUNCHES CYBER SECURITY STRATEGY**

The Honourable Vic Toews, Canada's Minister of Public Safety launched *Canada's Cyber Security Strategy* on October 3, 2010. The Strategy will invest in securing Government of Canada systems, as well as partnering with other governments and with industry to ensure systems vital to Canadian security, economic prosperity and quality of life are protected. It also includes boosting education and awareness to better help Canadians keep their personal information safe and secure when online at home and at work.

### **Backgrounder: Canada's Cyber Security Strategy**

A secure cyberspace is key to Canada's competitive advantage in the global marketplace where industry relies on secure, stable and resilient digital infrastructure to transact business and protect personal and commercially sensitive information such as intellectual property. But just as cyberspace is constantly evolving, so too are the cyber threats to our security, prosperity and quality of life.

*Canada's Cyber Security Strategy* is Canada's plan to ensure that Canadians can continue to benefit from the advantages of our increasingly digital economy without suffering from the risks inherent in a digital world. This Strategy will enhance the ability of Canadians, their governments and industry to use cyberspace with greater protection and confidence, ensuring it is a place where Canadians can play, work and live safely.

The Strategy will support Canada's national security, economic prosperity, and the quality of life of Canadians and is built upon three pillars:

1. **Securing Government systems** – The Government will put in place the necessary structures, tools and personnel to meet its obligations for cyber security.
2. **Partnering to secure vital cyber systems outside the federal government** – In cooperation with provincial and territorial

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governments and the private sector, the Government will support initiatives and take steps to strengthen Canada's cyber resiliency, including that of its critical infrastructure sectors.

3. **Helping Canadians to be secure online** – The Government will assist Canadians in getting the information they need to protect themselves and their families online.

Cyber security is a shared responsibility, one in which Canadians, their governments, the private sector, and our international partners all have a role to play. *Canada's Cyber Security Strategy* reflects this shared responsibility.

This investment is part of *Budget 2010: Leading the Way on Jobs and Growth*, which allocated \$90 million over five years, and \$18 million in ongoing funding, towards the Cyber Security Strategy.

Internet crime or cyber crime has been identified by the members of Canadian Association of Police Boards as an important issue; in fact CAPB has approved resolutions on this topic at the 1996, 1997, 2001, 2005 and 2006 Annual General Meetings.