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GREATER TORONTO AIRPORTS AUTHORITY

## GTAA APPLAUDS PROPOSED CUSTOMS ACT AMENDMENTS

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**TORONTO**— The Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) is pleased that the Government of Canada has made border security a top priority, as demonstrated by the tabling of Bill C-43, an Act to Amend the Customs Act. This progressive legislation, introduced today in the House of Commons by Minister Stockwell Day, will provide the Canadian Border Service Agency (CBSA) with additional tools and flexibility to effectively deal with threats facing Canada's borders.

"We applaud Minister Day for his leadership on border security. One of the key elements to the competitiveness of Toronto Pearson International Airport is its ability to securely and efficiently move passengers through our terminals," said Lloyd McCoomb, President and CEO of the GTAA. "This legislation, in particular the amendments to allow the implementation of the Customs Controlled Areas, will not only improve security in Canada's airports, but will also lay the groundwork for improved service for the travelling public."

These changes will provide border services officers with the flexibility to examine goods and question and search people anywhere within customs controlled areas. Under the current Customs Act, CBSA is only able exercise this authority at exit points. The GTAA is eager to assist CBSA with the implementation of customs controlled areas at Toronto Pearson as soon as Bill C-43 receives Royal Assent.

The GTAA is the non-share, not-for-profit authority that operates Toronto Pearson. All revenue generated by the GTAA is reinvested back into the airport. In 2007, 31.5 million passengers travelled through Toronto Pearson.

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