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NATIONAL AUTO THEFT SUMMIT ASSESSES KEY ISSUES AND MAPS OUT COURSE OF ACTION

TORONTO (February 8, 2024) – “The members of Global Automakers of Canada welcomed the opportunity to participate in this very timely and important National Auto Theft Summit today,” said David Adams, President and CEO. “This Summit is something that our members have been advocating for the last two years and we see it as a very positive first step to bring coordinated and concrete action to address auto theft,” added Adams.

“Today’s announcements of increased coordination across government and across law enforcement and tackling the sales and availability of car theft tools recognize the severe societal impacts of auto theft and representing the fulfillment of key recommendations we have been making to the government. Additionally, the \$28 million committed by Minister LeBlanc yesterday for increased enforcement and inspection initiatives represent defined, short-term actions that will curb auto theft and lead to a sustainable Auto Theft Action Plan,” said Adams.

“We commend Public Safety Minister, Dominic LeBlanc for convening today’s summit and for the participation of Ministers Rodriguez, Anand, Champagne, and Virani. Addressing the scourge of organized criminal activity in Canada will take an all of society approach, as we can all agree this issue represents an increasing threat to our society and how safe we feel in our communities,” said Adams.

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ABOUT GLOBAL AUTOMAKERS OF CANADA

Global Automakers of Canada (GAC) is the national trade association representing the Canadian interests of 15 of the world's most respected automakers. Our members include: BMW Canada Inc, Honda Canada Inc., Hyundai Auto Canada Corp., Jaguar Land Rover Canada ULC, Kia Canada Inc., Maserati Canada Inc., Mazda Canada Inc., Mercedes-Benz Canada Inc., Mitsubishi Motor Sales of Canada, Inc., Nissan Canada Inc., Porsche Cars Canada Ltd., Subaru Canada, Inc., Toyota Canada Inc., Volkswagen Group Canada Inc., and Volvo Car Canada Ltd. Together our members represent more than 25 brands in the Canadian automotive market.

In 2022, the member companies of the GAC sold 851,138 vehicles representing 56% of the Canadian automotive market. Further our members produced 55% of the vehicles built in Canada at Ontario plants in Alliston, Cambridge and Woodstock, and fully 55% of the vehicles sold by member companies in Canada were built in the CUSMA region, demonstrating a commitment to « building where they sell ». In 2022, Toyota assembled the most vehicles of any manufacturer in Canada (building more vehicles than the Ford and General Motors combined) and Honda was the third largest producer out of the five Canadian vehicle manufacturers. In 2023, Volkswagen announced a \$7B investment in St. Thomas, Ontario representing Canada's largest automotive investment ever, in VW's first battery plant outside of Europe.