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North American Leaders' summit: A step in the right direction, but leaders must set 100% renewable goal

29 June 2016 (Edmonton) – In reaction to the North American Leaders' summit with Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto, U.S. President Barack Obama and Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in Ottawa today, Mike Hudema, Climate and Energy Campaigner with Greenpeace Canada said:

“Rapidly shifting to renewables, sustainable transportation and energy efficiency is what the science of climate change demands and we applaud all three leaders for helping to speed the move. Now a 100% renewable energy target in-line with the science of climate change must be set as well. Investments in solar, wind, geothermal and sustainable transportation are not only essential for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, but they create jobs, better the health of our communities and generate economic opportunities as well. Going 100% renewable is the only chance we have to stabilize the climate and lift our communities out of poverty at the same time.

We remain deeply concerned about the inclusion of false solutions like nuclear and carbon capture which are high cost, high risk proposals that create more problems than fix.”

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