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Lombardy's Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Visits Toronto

Minister Cattaneo Invited to Speak at Toronto Forum for Global Cities Conference

TORONTO – December 4, 2008 – Lombardy's Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Raffaele Cattaneo will be in Toronto to attend the 2nd Annual Toronto Forum for Global Cities, where he has been invited to speak on the theme of Financing Transportation Infrastructure. During his visit, Minister Cattaneo will also meet with officials from government and private industry representing the Canadian transportation sector.

"This visit provides us with a timely opportunity to examine how best to finance transportation infrastructure in face of energy uncertainty, gridlock and environmental concerns," notes ICCT Executive Director Corrado Paina, adding *"Ontario and Lombardy face many of the same challenges in this area, and the Toronto Forum can act as an important vehicle for a constructive exchange of best practices and innovative ideas that can benefit us all."*

The Italian Chamber of Commerce of Toronto was instrumental in inviting Minister Cattaneo to the conference (in association with its organizers, the International Economic Forum of the Americas), and has been charged with coordinating the Minister's schedule during his visit to Toronto.

WHAT: Min. Cattaneo Speaks at Toronto Forum for Global Cities

WHEN: Monday, December 8, 2008 at 10:15 a.m.

WHERE: Westin Harbour Castle Hotel, Toronto

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Media Contact:

If you would like to interview the Minister during his visit or require further information about this Conference, contact ICCT Press Officer Martin Holley at: holley@italchambers.ca or 416-789-7169 x 21

ABOUT TORONTO FORUM FOR GLOBAL CITIES (www.forumforglobalcities.com)

Toronto Forum for Global Cities is an annual two day event consisting of over 40 speakers and up to 1000 participants. It brings to Toronto some of the world's leading experts to debate on important economic issues of the day. By providing a timely forum for information and new ideas the conference strives to provide global decision makers, corporate business leaders, senior civil servants, business executives, senior managers and service professionals with the necessary tools to stay competitive in the ever changing global economic market.

ABOUT ICCT

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