Joint Ministerial Statement on the occasion of the Eleventh Commission Meeting of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)

27 November 2026

Ha Noi, Viet Nam

1. Ministers and Representatives of Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the United Kingdom, and Viet Nam, met in Ha Noi, Viet Nam on 27 November 2026 for the 11th Meeting of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) Commission, hosted by Viet Nam.

Shared Vision, Shared Action

2. At a time of continued uncertainty and rapid transformation in the global economic and trade environment, we reaffirm our determination to work together to uphold open markets, strengthen economic resilience, and advance a free, fair, open, transparent, inclusive and rules-based trading system, with the World Trade Organization (WTO) at its core. We also reinforce our commitment to WTO reform.

3. We reaffirm our commitment to strengthening energy resilience and recall the importance of the "Joint Ministerial Statement on Energy Security and Supply Chains for Essential Energy Products and Other Impacted Products" adopted at the 10th CPTPP Commission Meeting on 26 June 2026.

4. We are facing a range of challenges in the global trading environment that undermine fair and open trade. We reiterate our concerns with and affirm the need to address market distorting practices that cause adverse effects to the Parties' industries, including through excess capacity. We reaffirm our commitment to strengthen cooperation to address these challenges while upholding the high standards of the Agreement. We also reiterate our concern about and underscore the need to address economic coercion that seeks to exploit vulnerabilities and dependencies and undermines the resilience of our supply chains.

5. We reaffirm the CPTPP's role as a high-standard, comprehensive and ambitious free trade agreement and its importance in supporting open, inclusive and sustainable trade and investment. Building on the decisions taken at the 9th CPTPP Commission Meeting in Melbourne in 2025, we have translated our shared ambition into concrete action in 2026 by advancing negotiations to upgrade the Agreement, progressing accession processes, strengthening implementation and utilisation, deepening engagement with regional partners, and taking an important step to strengthen the CPTPP's institutional capacity through an interim CPTPP Support Office.

Keeping the CPTPP Fit for the Future

6. We recall the recommendations of the first General Review and take note of the progress made in 2026 in negotiations to upgrade CPTPP provisions on Electronic Commerce, Trade in Services, Customs Administration and Trade Facilitation,

Competitiveness and Business Facilitation, and Trade and Women's Economic Empowerment. To ensure a revised, modern and fit for purpose CPTPP, we instruct officials to accelerate their work with a view to substantially concluding these negotiations by mid-2027.

7. We also welcome progress in the cooperative activities arising from the General Review on Investment, State-Owned Enterprises, Gender Mainstreaming, Economic Coercion, and Market Distorting Practices. We have decided to establish a Coordination Platform on Economic Coercion and to adopt its Terms of Reference. In addition, we welcome the finalisation of a member-led study on the relevance of modern treaty practice and OECD guidelines to the definition of state-owned enterprises and encourage its further improvement; without prejudice, we instruct officials to discuss and develop options for potential textual updates, including no change, with the aim of finalising an outcome by mid-2027. To further enhance the implementation and operation of the Agreement's high-standard provisions, we task officials to advance these cooperative activities in 2027 and beyond, and seek to deliver concrete and practical outcomes for consideration at the next CPTPP Commission meeting.

Expanding the CPTPP while Upholding High Standards

8. We recall the substantial conclusion of the negotiations for the accession of Costa Rica to the CPTPP in May 2026 and note with regret Costa Rica's decision not to sign its Protocol of Accession at this meeting of the Commission. We reiterate our commitment to the accession of Costa Rica and we look forward to Costa Rica signing its Protocol of Accession when its domestic circumstances allow.

9. We remain committed to conducting accession processes rigorously and transparently, in accordance with the CPTPP accession procedures that we made publicly available in 2019. Our expectations remain unchanged in relation to how aspirant economies will comply with all existing CPTPP rules and deliver the highest standard of commercially meaningful market access.

10. We acknowledge the substantive progress achieved in the negotiations on Uruguay's accession to the CPTPP. We recognise that Uruguay's accession could strengthen economic linkages and create new opportunities for trade and investment under the CPTPP. We instruct officials to maintain this momentum, with a view to concluding this process promptly while ensuring that the high standards of the Agreement are upheld.

11. Recalling our decision on 26 June 2026 to commence preparatory discussions with the United Arab Emirates, the Philippines, and Indonesia, we have today decided to establish an Accession Working Group for each of these economies in accordance with the CPTPP accession procedures.

12. The growing interest from economies seeking to join the CPTPP underscores the Agreement's continued strategic and economic relevance and dynamism in regional and global trade. We reiterate our commitment to maintaining the high standards of the Agreement through accessions, and to move forward in a way that reflects all our interests. We reaffirm that the CPTPP continues to welcome the interest of, and remains open to, accession by aspirant economies that are able to satisfy the Auckland Principles.

Delivering the Benefits of the CPTPP

13. The value of the CPTPP ultimately depends on its effective implementation and utilisation. We therefore remain committed to ensuring that the Agreement delivers tangible and commercially meaningful benefits for businesses, workers and communities across our economies.

14. We welcome Viet Nam's initiative to promote business connectivity activities undertaken within the CPTPP framework, including Viet Nam's business dialogues and matching activities in Ho Chi Minh City and in Ha Noi in 2026, which have strengthened engagement among businesses, policymakers and other stakeholders. We encourage continued efforts in future years to enhance business participation, strengthen business linkages and ensure the opportunities created by the Agreement deliver tangible benefits for businesses and communities across CPTPP economies.

15. We welcome the activities and events led by Malaysia to strengthen cooperation and connectivity among Trade Promotion Organisations across CPTPP economies. We encourage the continuation of these activities as a practical means of supporting businesses, particularly micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and women-led businesses, in identifying and pursuing opportunities under the Agreement.

16. We acknowledge the ongoing work on economic quantitative analysis of the benefits and impacts of the CPTPP. We welcome Chile's continued leadership of this initiative and look forward to its further development on an annual basis, which will contribute to Parties' understanding and assessment of the economic benefits arising from the Agreement.

Strengthening the CPTPP's Institutional Capacity

17. Recognising the growing breadth and complexity of the CPTPP's work program, we have decided to establish an interim CPTPP Support Office in Japan to begin its work in 2027. This marks an important step in strengthening the institutional capacity and supporting the effective implementation of the Agreement. We instruct officials to continue detailed discussions on the structure, governance, and operation of a permanent administrative body, while reviewing the operation and any other issues relating to the interim CPTPP Support Office, and update us at the next Commission meeting.

Building Bridges with Regional Partners

18. We recognise that the CPTPP can contribute beyond its membership by building bridges with other regional economic frameworks that share our commitment to open, predictable and rules-based trade. This is more important than ever in the current global trading context.

19. We welcome the second CPTPP – Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and CPTPP – European Union (EU) Trade and Investment Dialogues held on the margins of the Commission meeting. Building on the inaugural Dialogues held in Melbourne in 2025, we welcome progress in translating these Dialogues into practical and forward-looking cooperation on shared trade and investment priorities. The progress

we have made in the Dialogues is reflected in their respective Joint Ministerial Statements.

20. We encourage continued engagement at Ministerial, Senior Official and technical levels to identify areas of mutual interest and practical cooperation that contribute to an open, predictable and rules-based regional and global trading environment.

Safeguarding the Integrity of the Agreement

21. We recognise the importance of safeguarding the integrity of the CPTPP and ensuring open, predictable and rules-based trade. Recalling the establishment of the Ad Hoc Working Group to Promote a Fair, Transparent and Predictable Trading Environment in the CPTPP on 26 June 2026, we instruct officials to continue discussions and cooperation, consistent with the CPTPP, to address illegal transhipment and related practices that seek to evade or circumvent duties under the Agreement, with a view to promoting a fair, transparent and predictable trading environment across the CPTPP economies.

Looking Ahead

22. We look forward to working closely with Peru as Chair of the CPTPP Commission in 2027 to build on the progress achieved in 2026, continue to advance our shared priorities, uphold the CPTPP's high standards, strengthen its implementation and utilisation, and promote open, inclusive and sustainable economic integration, enhancing the free, fair and rules-based trading environment.