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**Toronto, ON** – In light of the massive security effort surrounding the G-20 summit in Toronto, a new Ipsos Reid poll conducted exclusively for Canada.com has revealed that two thirds (65%) of Canadians 'agree' (13% strongly/51% somewhat) that 'hosting the G-20 Summit and the security involved has prepared Toronto for hosting the Pan-Am games'. Conversely, one third (35%) of Canadians 'disagree' (11% strongly/25% somewhat) that hosting the summit has prepared Toronto for hosting the Pan-Am Games.

While an Ipsos Reid poll released earlier in the week found that the majority of Canadians believe hosting the G-20 in Toronto was a mistake, two thirds (66%) of Canadians 'agree' (19% strongly/47% somewhat) that 'hosting the G-20 Summit in Toronto proves that the city is capable of hosting large-scale events', while just one in three (34%) 'disagree' (11% strongly/23% somewhat) that Toronto has proved itself.

Canadians are mixed on how the G-20 Summit has impacted their level of support for hosting the Pan-Am Games, with the price tag of providing security being a larger detractor than the security issues themselves:



Six in ten (59%) 'agree' (22% strongly/37% somewhat) that after hearing about the costs for providing security for the G-20 they are 'less supportive' of hosting the Pan-Am Games in Toronto', while four in ten (41%) 'disagree' (11% strongly/30% somewhat) that they are 'less supportive'.

However, after seeing the security issues that arose as a result of hosting the G20 in Toronto, only a minority (43%) 'agrees' (14% strongly/29% somewhat) that they are 'less supportive' of hosting the Pan-Am Games'. A majority (57%) 'disagrees' (17% strongly/40% somewhat) that the security issues make them less supportive of hosting the Games.

*These are some of the findings of an Ipsos Reid poll conducted between June 30 and July 5, 2010, on behalf of Canada.com. For this survey, a sample of 1,095 adults from Ipsos' Canadian online panel was interviewed online. Weighting was then employed to balance demographics and ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to Census data and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe. A survey with an unweighted probability sample of this size and a 100% response rate would have an estimated margin of error of +/-3.0 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what the results would have been had the entire population of adults in Canada been polled. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error.*

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