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The lead expert from Canada brought a number of recent developments to the Committee's attention.

Bill C-15, An Act to Amend the Lobbyist Registration Act, received Royal Assent on June 11, 2003.

Bill C-34, An Act to Amend the Parliament of Canada Act, also received Royal Assent on June 11, 2003. The legislation, among other things, establishes the position of the Senate Ethics Officer and the position of the Ethics Commissioner.

Bill C-24, An Act to Amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (Political Financing) received Royal Assent on June 19, 2003.

Bill C-25, the Public Service Modernization Act, has been passed by the House of Commons. Among other things, it would enact a new Public Service Labour Relations Act, a new Public Service Employment Act and create the new Canada School of Public Service.

On June 12, 2003, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada introduced Bill C-46 to address capital markets fraud. It includes proposals to create a new employment-related intimidation offence to protect employees who report unlawful conduct.

On June 19, 2003, the President of the Treasury Board released a new Values and Ethics Code for the Public Service.

On June 25, 2003, two new tools were made public: the Guideline for Deputy Ministers and the Management Accountability Framework.

Finally, Canada hosted the Meeting of Central Authorities and other Experts on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, held in Ottawa, from April 30 to May 2, 2003.