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New Legislative Developments

The new *Public Service Labour Relations Act* came into force on April 1, 2005. This Act was enacted by Part 1 of the *Public Service Modernization Act*.

The Senate adopted a *Conflict of Interest Code for Senators* on May 18, 2005. A Senate Ethics Officers has been appointed. This Officer carries on duties given to him under the *Code*.

Bill C-11, the *Public Service Disclosure Protection Act* is before the House of Commons at present. The proposed Act is designed to give legislative protection to “whistle blowers” and extend the application of the code of conduct for public servants to those crown corporations and institutions that are now responsible for making their own codes.

Mutual Technical Cooperation

The Canadian International Development Agency continues to contribute to a number of capacity-building projects in the Americas.

These include projects for:

- strengthening the means to fight corruption and money laundering;
- improving expenditure management and fiscal control systems;

- responding to challenges and improving transparency in public sector procurement;
- supporting public sector reform.

A list of these projects can be found in the Report on Canada.