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At the last meeting of the Committee of Experts I informed the Committee that the Commission for the Prevention of Corruption submitted its first report to Parliament. Included in the report was a recommendation that the Corruption Act and the Regulations be amended in certain respects. The recommendation was reviewed by the Government and the Government is pursuing certain amendments to the Corruption (Prevention) Act and regulations. These include amending the definition of spouse to include persons living together as man and wife for a certain period of time but who are not legally married pursuant to the Marriage Act.

In October, 2004, Jamaica was the site of workshop on Investigating and Prosecuting Corruption for Caribbean Investigators and Prosecutors put on by the United States Department of Justice in collaboration with prosecutors and investigators in the English speaking Caribbean. The workshop involved exchange of experiences of US and Caribbean prosecutors and investigators. An e-mail forum was launched as a result to assist in the exchange of best practices.