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U.S. was recently assessed in the peer review of GRECO of the Council of Europe Criminal Corruption Convention. The results are due next month and will be placed on the internet.

Also, announced that the US Office of Government Ethics (OGE) which has provided technical assistance to a number of foreign governments around the world has published in Portuguese and French the Standards of Conduct of the Executive Branch. Web site will be distributed including the Spanish version.

The US OGE also announced it had begun a survey of the employees of the Executive Branch about the ethics program. The Office of Government Ethics of Puerto Rico also announced that it had undertaken an assessment of its ethics program. The questionnaire is available in Spanish at www.oegr.net

The expert from the US also mentioned that The US Government has created an Accounting Board to oversee the accounting and audit industry and also amended the rules to improve corporate governance and disclosure to taxpayers.