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Canadian parliamentarians travel to Quito to discuss fighting corruption and enhancing legislative openness

**OTTAWA – March 11, 2019** — The <u>Honourable Bob Nault</u>, P.C., M.P., President of ParlAmericas and Chair of the <u>Canadian Section of ParlAmericas</u>, will lead an all-party delegation to ParlAmericas' <u>4<sup>th</sup> Gathering of the Open Parliamentary Network</u> in Quito, Ecuador, from March 12 to 14, 2019.

Mr. Nault will be accompanied by Mr. Randy Boissonnault, M.P., Mr. David Christopherson, M.P., the Honourable Percy E. Downe, Senator, the Honourable Rosa Galvez, Senator, the Honourable Kellie Leitch, P.C., M.P. and Mrs. Sherry Romanado, M.P.

The meeting will be attended by legislators from countries throughout the hemisphere. Presentations and workshops will address such topics as the importance of post-legislative scrutiny, enhancing openness and public trust in democratic institutions, and strengthening parliament's oversight role to counter corruption.

"Citizens have a right to expect open and meaningful engagement with their Parliament, and transparent, accountable and ethical behaviour from those who represent them," said Mr. Nault. "The Canadian delegation looks forward to hearing the experiences of our hemispheric colleagues about ways to fight corruption and increase public trust."

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