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Canadian parliamentarians attend meeting in Quito to discuss fighting corruption and enhancing legislative openness

OTTAWA – March 26, 2019 – The [Honourable Bob Nault](#), P.C., M.P., President of ParlAmericas and Chair of the [Canadian Section of ParlAmericas](#), led an all-party delegation to ParlAmericas' 4th Gathering of the Open Parliamentary Network in Quito, Ecuador from March 12 to 14, 2019.

Mr. Nault was 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 was attended by more than 100 legislators from 27 countries throughout the hemisphere. Presentations and workshops addressed the importance of post-legislative scrutiny, enhanced openness and public trust in democratic institutions, and stronger parliamentary oversight to counter corruption.

“Sound governance in our democratic institutions is absolutely vital,” said Mr. Nault. “Democracies are fragile and – as elected officials – we have an obligation to lead by example. As well, efforts to counter corruption and strengthen parliamentary oversight of the laws and public policies that affect citizens, must involve collaboration across nations and with civil society organizations.”

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