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Canada’s Information Commissioners and Ombuds issue joint resolution calling for enhanced transparency in government operations

Gatineau, Québec – December 10, 2024 – In a joint resolution, Canada’s Information Commissioners and Ombuds from federal, provincial, and territorial jurisdictions are pressing their respective governments to prioritize transparency in the design and implementation of new systems, administrative processes, procedures, and governance models. This resolution reflects the need for a new standard in government operations and a collective commitment to fostering a culture of transparency and accountability across all levels of government in Canada.

Canada’s Information and Privacy regulators believe that by adhering to 8 key principles, public bodies and institutions can enhance public trust and ensure that government actions and decisions are properly documented and communicated in a spirit of transparency and to counter misinformation and disinformation.

This resolution underscores the importance of access to information for the effective functioning of Canadian society and its democracy. It calls on Canada’s governments to show leadership by making the modernization of legislative and governance regimes around freedom of information and protection of privacy a priority.

Quote from the Information and Privacy Commissioner for Nova Scotia:

“Transparency is the foundation of our democracy,” says Information and Privacy Commissioner Tricia Ralph. “Adopting a culture of transparency by default is key to both countering misinformation and safeguarding accountability across all levels of government. This resolution encourages a proactive approach to release of government information so that citizens have the tools they need to participate in the decision-making processes that affect the way we live,” concludes Commissioner Ralph.

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