

improve the promotion of the OECD Guidelines, and CSR generally, with companies operating in conflict zones such as the DRC. The Government is also actively promoting work at the OECD and in other fora on the issue of responsible business conduct in conflict zones.

With regard to “Persons for whom the Panel recommends a travel ban [...]”, the Government would carefully examine any visa application that would be submitted by such persons and would apply the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*, and particularly its section 35 (Inadmissibility - Human or international rights violations):

35. (1) A permanent resident or a foreign national is inadmissible on grounds of violating human or international rights for:

(a) committing an act outside Canada that constitutes an offence referred to in sections 4 to 7 of the Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Act;

(b) being a prescribed senior official in the service of a government that, in the opinion of the Minister, engages or has engaged in terrorism, systematic or gross human rights violations, or genocide, a war crime or a crime against humanity within the meaning of subsections 6(3) to (5) of the Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Act; or

(c) being a person, other than a permanent resident, whose entry into or stay in Canada is restricted pursuant to a decision, resolution or measure of an international organization of states or association of states, of which Canada is a member, that imposes sanctions on a country against which Canada has imposed or has agreed to impose sanctions in concert with that organization or association.

Exception: (2) Paragraphs (1)(b) and (c) do not apply in the case of a permanent resident or a foreign national who satisfies the Minister that their presence in Canada would not be detrimental to the national interest.

If the United Nations or any international organization of which Canada is a member, decide to follow the Panel's recommendation and put in place sanctions, Canada, as a member, would apply those sanctions, including a travel ban on those individuals identified by the Panel. To date, no organisation which Canada is a member, has passed such a resolution.

With regard to the issue of financial assets, the October 2002 UN Panel report recommended that, after a grace period of four to five months, individuals named on Annex 2 of its report could be subject to an asset freeze and companies named on Annex 1 could be subject to a ban on accessing