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Working Party on the Protection of Individuals
with regard to the Processing of Personal Data

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**on Canadian initiatives relating to standardisation in the field of protection of
privacy.**

Adopted by the Working Party on 29 May 1997

THE WORKING PARTY ON THE PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH REGARD TO THE
PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

set up by Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24
October 1995¹,

having regard to Articles 29, 30 paragraph 1 letter b) and 30 paragraph 3 of that
Directive,

having regard to its Rules of Procedure and in particular to articles 12 and 14 thereof,

takes note of the work undertaken in Canada regarding the creation of quality standards
for the protection of privacy,²

notes the initiative to develop and adopt international standards within the International
Standard Organisation (ISO),

considers that such initiatives significantly contribute to the protection of fundamental
rights and privacy on a world-wide basis.

Done at Brussels, 29 May 1997

For the Working Party

The Vice-Chairperson

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¹ OJ no. L 281 of 23/11/1995, p. 31

² See *Model Code for the Protection of Personal Information*, a National Standard for Canada,
CAN/CSA-Q830-96.