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**Migrant Workers: Protection of Labour Rights
and Labour Market Programs Workshop**
November 28-29, 2006 (Ottawa)

Representatives of the Canadian Employers Council attended the Migrant Workers Workshop, which took place in Ottawa on November 28-29, 2006, and which was hosted by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC).

The objectives of the Workshop were to promote dialogue and cooperation among Ministries of Labour of the Americas regarding migrant workers' labour rights. Specific attention was paid to Canada's temporary foreign workers program.

Presentations included an update on migrant workers rights given by the North South Institute and representatives of Canadian workers and employers, as well as an overview of the criteria used to determine Canadian work permits. Additionally, various Ministries of Labour of the Americas discussed seasonal agricultural workers programs, bilateral agreements on migration and regional labour migration issues.

With the issue of temporary workers foremost on the minds of many Canadian employers, please feel free to contact the CEC for further information about the Workshop and the issue in general.

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