Dear all,

Readers may remember our previous emails about the *Public Interest Disclosure and Protection* to *Persons Making the Disclosures Bill 2010* (Whistleblower Bill) tabled in the Indian Parliament last year. The text of the Bill is also accessible at:

http://prsindia.org/uploads/media/Public%20Disclosure/Public%20Interest%20Disclosure%20Bill, %202010.pdf

<u>CHRI prepared comments on the contents of the Bill and made recommendations</u> for improving its provisions on the basis of international best practice standards for whistleblower protection.

The Standing Committee of Parliament on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice chaired by Ms. Jayanthi Natarajan has vetted the Bill and made several recommendations for improving the protection for whistleblowers. The report of the Standing Committee (attached) is accessible at:

http://164.100.47.5/newcommittee/reports/EnglishCommittees/Committee%20on%20Personnel, %20PublicGrievances,%20Law%20and%20Justice/46.pdf

Some of the recommendations made by CHRI have been endorsed by the Standing Committee. However it has referred the Bill back to the Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India (the administrative department for this Bill) for reconsideration.

These documents are being circulated to generate public debate on the recommendations of the Standing Committee as well as the issues that it has referred back to the Department of Personnel and Training.

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