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We have visited the Web site of the Financial Services Commission of Ontario

<http://www.fsco.gov.on.ca>

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