

## **PIFI – GAC Institutional Report ANNEX**

(4) All means/channels within relevant departments and agencies by which information prepared by intelligence agencies related to possible foreign interference is provided to the Deputy Minister, Minister's office, and Minister.

### **Global Affairs Canada (GAC) Intelligence Bureau**

#### **The flow of information**

GAC, including its Intelligence Bureau, does not collect intelligence. However, GAC produces diplomatic analysis, and strategic intelligence assessment based on classified, open sources, and diplomatic reporting. These policy-neutral strategic assessments inform GAC's Ministers and senior officials.

In addition to in-person briefings, the Intelligence Assessment and Reporting Bureau provides senior officials of the department with access to intelligence products. The Client Relations Officers (or SIGINT Dissemination Officers) are responsible for the dissemination of intelligence reports to clients. Officers use a variety of means to disseminate the intelligence, including in person briefing services and the provision of reading packages. Intelligence is disseminated to client relations officers or by SIGINT dissemination officers to key clients with clearance within GAC on a strict "need to know" basis.

GAC's Intelligence Bureau provides both raw, unassessed intelligence to senior decision makers alongside products that assess that intelligence, providing context and meaning.

Clients may ask Client Relations Officers and analysts for further clarification. When appropriate, they can use the established feedback mechanism to request additional information from the Canadian or partner issuing agency. Clients can also request written assessments on topics of particular interest or concern.

Lastly, GAC's Intelligence Bureau does not disseminate raw intelligence to consumers outside of the department and only provides intelligence to GAC officials, including Deputy Ministers and Ministers. GAC disseminates its intelligence assessments to members of the Security and Intelligence (S&I) community and Five Eye (FVEY) partners.

#### **Minister's office**

The Minister's office is briefed on intelligence through regular intelligence reading packages and verbal briefings covering a range of international topics and developments of interest to support foreign policy development. If requested, the Intelligence Bureau is also able to provide stand-alone, policy neutral written assessments that contextualize intelligence.

Intelligence is normally briefed to the Minister's office alongside any relevant open source information available as well the broader situational analysis and a proposed approach to tackling the situation – in the context of comprehensive issue-based briefings.

Where ad hoc issues related to foreign interference arise, the Chief of Intelligence and the Assistant Deputy Minister for International Security brief the Minister or their office on issues of relevance to their mandate.

The Minister and their office can also request oral briefings from the Department as appropriate.

### **Deputy Minister**

The Head of the Client Relations Unit would provide briefing material to the Deputy Minister with relevant pieces of intelligence on an ad hoc basis. In March 2023, this practice was regularized and the function was transferred from the Client Relations Unit to the Assessments and Reporting Division. From this time on, the Division sends weekly briefing packages to the Deputy Minister.

(9) A listing of all intelligence products related to the threat or incidence of foreign interference in Canadian democratic processes and institutions developed since September 2018.

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16 March 2023			
17 March 2023			
19 June 2023			
15 March 2023			
12 July 2023			
20 July 2023			
24 March 2023			
16 May 2023			
24 May 2023			
2 August 2023			