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APPENDIX G

Overview of Foreign Interference Threat Reduction Measures 2019 – Present

CSIS was granted authority to undertake threat reduction measures (TRMs) under the *Anti-terrorism Act, 2015*. A TRM is an operational measure undertaken by CSIS, whose principal purpose is to reduce a threat to the security of Canada as opposed to collecting information and intelligence to investigate such threats. The *CSIS Act* imposes several conditions on CSIS TRMs. It first requires that there be reasonable grounds to believe that a particular activity constitutes a threat to the security of Canada before CSIS may undertake a TRM. It further demands that the proposed measure be reasonable and proportional in the circumstances and that CSIS consult with appropriate federal entities prior to undertaking a TRM. The TRM must be conducted pursuant to a warrant issued by the Federal Court where the Service's activity would limit a *Charter* right or freedom or would otherwise be contrary to Canadian law. The *CSIS Act* also forbids TRMs that fall within six prohibited conducts (e.g. causing bodily harm or death to an individual; violating a person's sexual integrity; obstructing justice).

TRMs can be generally understood to take the form of one of three broad categories of activity: messaging, leveraging, and interference.

- Messaging TRMs serve to push information, directly or indirectly, to the subject in an attempt to influence their behaviour.
- Leveraging TRMs involve CSIS activity – typically disclosing information to a third party –to enable this third party to take action, at their discretion and pursuant to their own authorities, against the identified threat-related activities. The intent of leveraging TRMs is to impede the subject from engaging in threat-related activities, but the means of doing so are under the control of the third party.
- Interference TRMs are measures whereby CSIS officials directly affect the ability of the subject to do something. The intent of interference is to impede the subject from engaging in an activity assessed to be threat-related.

CSIS has not undertaken any warranted FI related TRMs from 2019 – present.

CSIS has undertaken 9 Non-Warranted FI related TRMs from 2019 – present.