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General Threat Overview

At the outset of this exercise, [redacted] a baseline assessment that speaks to what we believed the threat landscape would look like as we moved closer to the election. As a reminder, our assessment points were as follows:

- Current threat landscape in Canada is consistent with past practice from threat actors: Little discernable increase in overall interference activities at this time.
- Cyber threat activity has been directed against other Western elections. We are not aware of any significant cyber threat to Canadian elections at this time.
- HUMINT threat activity remains the most prominent form of foreign interference in Canada. We assess this is unlikely to change ahead of Election 2019.
- Use of social media platforms by foreign state actors to conduct disinformation and amplification activity has increased globally. This trend is likely to be a factor in the Canadian electoral context. **At present, discernable FI activity in the social media space is limited.**

Now that we are well into the writ period, in re-evaluating the above points, we assess that they are still valid. We are continually re-evaluating the above positions as new intelligence comes in, but at present, nothing substantive has occurred to shift this assessment.

China threat update

- [redacted] China remains interested in supporting candidates and individuals who it perceives will benefit China's overall strategic interests.

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Update on India

Update on Russia

- No observed FI activity vis-a vis Election

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