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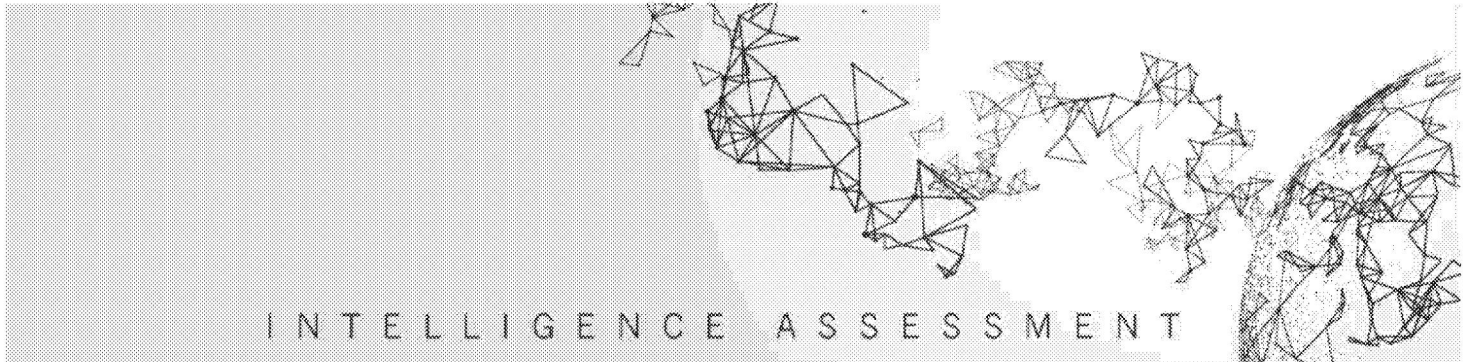
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The PRC Foreign Interference



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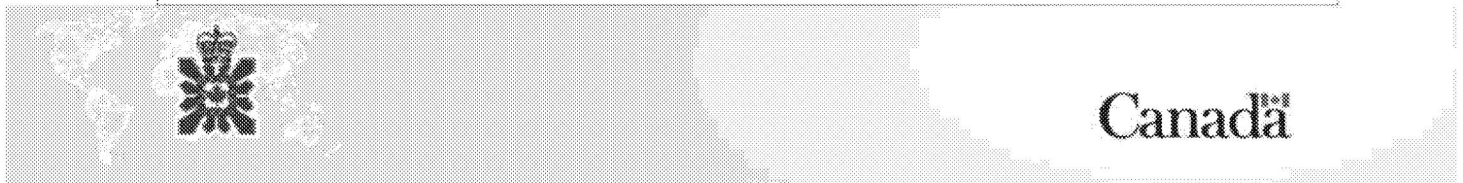
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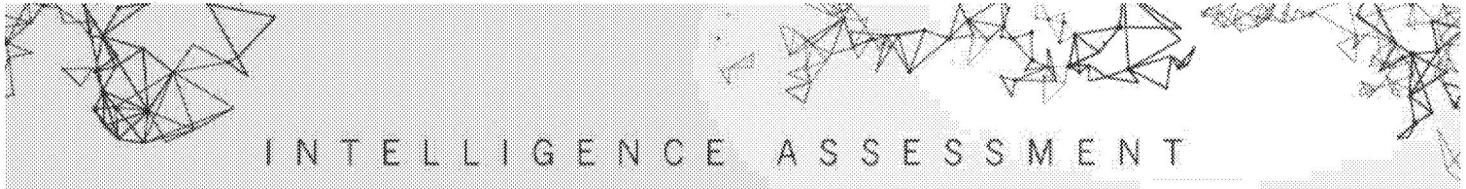
1 Foreign Interference refers to "activities within or relating to Canada that are detrimental to the interests of Canada and are clandestine or deceptive or involve a threat to any person". It is referred to as "foreign-influenced activities" in Section 2(b) of the *CSIS Act*. The more frequently used term "foreign interference" or "FI" will be used throughout this assessment. (U)

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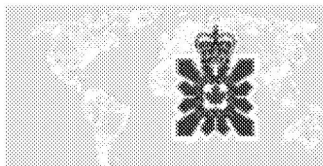
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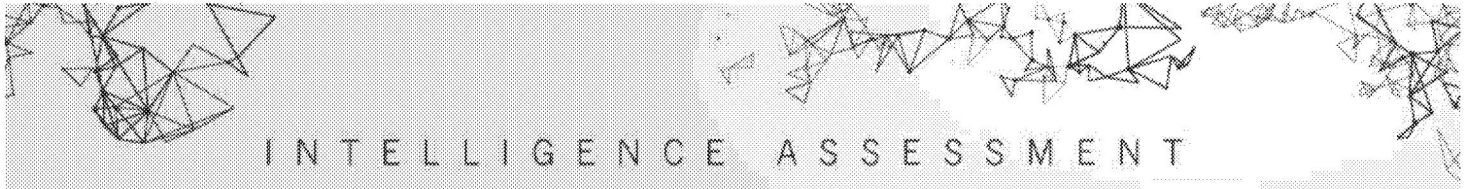
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Xi's "Magic Weapon": the United Front Work Department (UFWD)

The United Front Work Department (UFWD) is a Chinese Communist Party (CCP) body responsible for conducting covert influence operations, both inside and outside China. Its goals are: (1) to clandestinely influence overseas communities, foreign governments and other actors to take actions or adopt positions in support of Beijing's preferred policies; (2) to discourage individuals living in open and democratic societies from discussing issues that are unfavourable to the CCP; and (3) to harass or undermine groups that are critical of CCP ideology, programs or policies. The UFWD conducts these operations outside of the PRC through official and quasi-official entities, including other government and military organizations, cultural and "friendship" associations, and academic groups. The intended audiences of UFWD influence campaigns are often mistakenly under the impression that UFWD-linked individuals and entities are operating independently from the CCP or the state. (U)

Under President Xi, the CCP has elevated and





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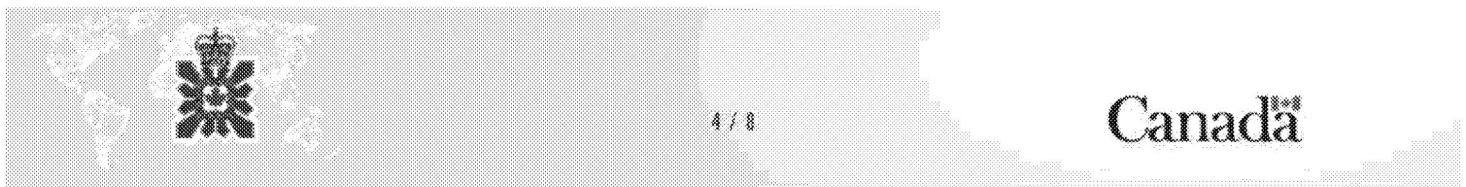
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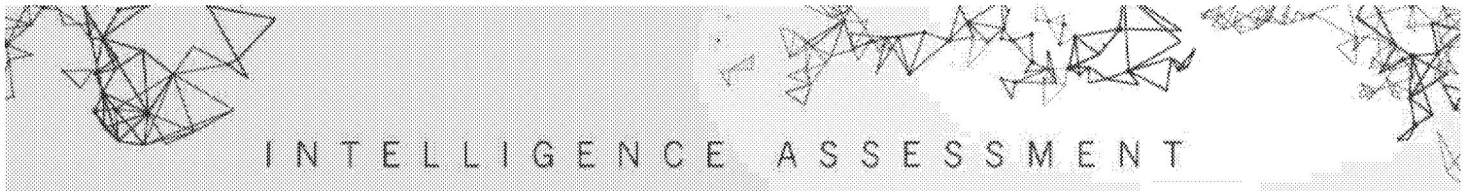
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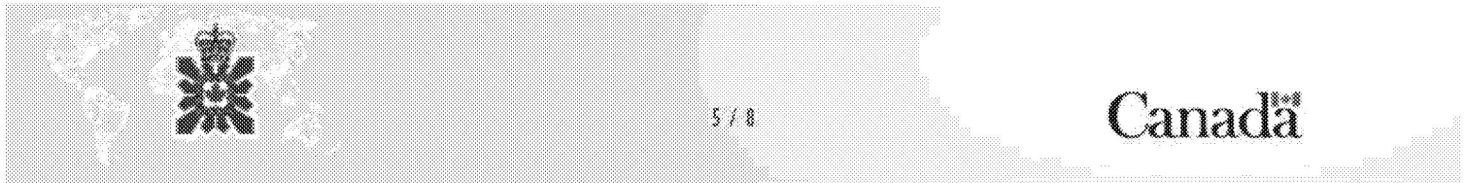
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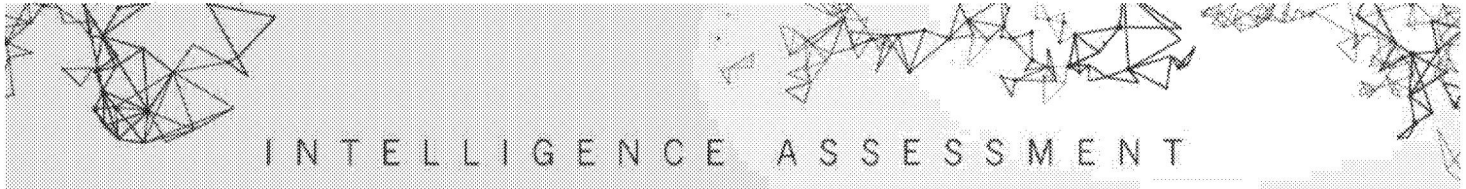
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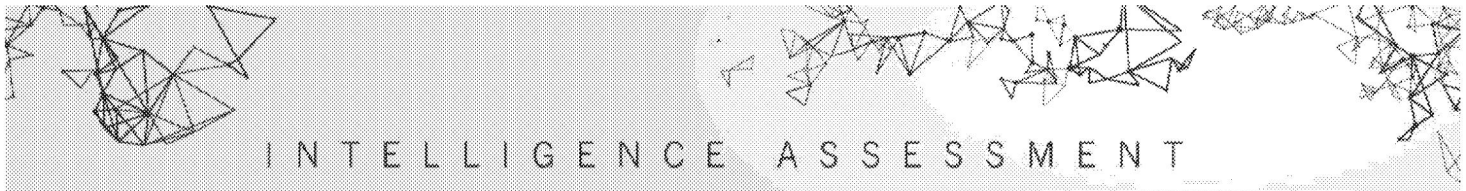
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