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SITE Recap - June 22 2022

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All,

Please see below for a recap of our SITE meeting held on June 22, 2022. With many of the SITE members recently and/or soon moving on to other roles – the meeting focused on SITE's "past, present & future", and sought to bank the wisdom and lessons learned the participants have acquired over the past number of years.

1. SITE After Action Report – Review of Lessons Learned / Next Steps [FUTURE]

- Each of the lessons learned in the SITE After Action Report were reviewed and next steps discussed.
- Notable outcomes of the review included:
 - An acknowledgement that questions about SITE's mandate (e.g. FI vs domestic, Federal vs Prov/Municipal) would need to be discussed with PCO and at more senior levels, as well as informed from broader HASA/DI discussions. In general the attendees favoured keeping the SITE mandate focused and highlighted potential resource implications of broadening it and the need to ensure this is clear so that tasking/expectations did not surpass intended boundaries.
 - A desire to develop a strategic communications plan for SITE in the coming year, to clearly articulate desired communication to occur before/during/after election periods. This could include awareness communications before the election, tactical communications during, and those that attended favoured the idea of producing a public report at the conclusion of each Federal Election.
 - An acknowledgement that FI and threats in the "online space" remain challenging to deal with.
- Agreement that as a subsequent step PCO S&I and PCO DI should be engaged to review next steps and/or recommendations for each of the lessons learned – which would likely lead to further briefings to the SITE ADMs.
- Agreement that SITE should continue to meet on a monthly basis to maintain awareness of any trends in foreign interference, brief on partner engagements, and advance any internal deliverables agreed-to (e.g. communications plan). The meeting would be held at the classified level in order to allow for the sharing of any relevant Intelligence.

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2. Roundtable Updates [PRESENT]

- A brief roundtable was held to discuss any major transpirings with each agency.

3. Reflections on the PAST

- The participants took a moment to celebrate the past work of the Task Force, while reflecting on some of the inner workings of SITE.
- In regards to membership – the inclusion of PCO (S&I and DI) was suggested to be considered going forward.
- In regards to Chairmanship – given Lyall King's departure it was flagged as the opportune time to revisit who would Chair SITE going forward. Attendees agreed that CSE and CSIS remained the obvious choice, and suggested the matter be discussed between them to reach agreement.
- In regards to meeting format/frequency – past approaches of maintain regular (e.g. monthly) sync-up meetings outside of the election period with a more elevated tempo during the election period was affirmed as being appropriate.

Next Steps / Actions

Based on the discussions, the following next steps were identified:

1. CSE to provide a brief summary of the meeting, and invite any additions/corrections from the participants and/or those who could not attend.
2. CSE to engage PCO and set-up a follow-up meeting with them (S&I, DI) to discuss the next steps / recommendations from the After Acton Report. All SITE members will be invited to participate.
 - a. Following the meeting with PCO, further senior engagement (e.g. SITE ADMs) is expected.
3. CSE & CSIS to discuss SITE Chairmanship going forward.
4. Monthly SITE "sync-up" meetings will be scheduled, likely to start this Fall – to act as an awareness forum and to advance any of the key next steps agreed-to.

Please let us know if we have mischaracterized any points or missed any important elements (other than the celebratory cake and champagne) from the meeting!

[redacted] – welcome your reflection on any of these points as well of course, since you were unable to join us for this most recent session.

Thanks!

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