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Dear Prime Minister,

Following your direction to identify outstanding recommendations from the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians and the independent assessments of the Critical Election Incident Public Protocol (Judd (2020) and Rosenberg (2023)), we have concluded a comprehensive assessment of the reports, identified potential gaps and next steps.

The document reiterates what you have made clear to Canadians: the protection and preservation of Canada's democratic institutions and practices, including in the face of foreign interference, is one of the federal government's most important responsibilities and one that we continue to take seriously. To that end, the document outlines the various steps our Government has taken to counter this threat and safeguard our institutions, including our democracy. As you know, ongoing assessment of our efforts remains a key element of our approach to the constantly evolving issue of protecting democracy.

The attached outlines the recommendations made in the reports to protect Canadian democratic institutions and processes; summarizes the actions that have been taken or are in progress to address the recommendations; and includes our next steps to continue bolstering Canada's response to foreign interference threats.

Canada benefits from a series of measures already in place that provide a strong foundation. The Plan to Protect Canada's Democracy, first announced in 2019, which includes the Critical Election Incident Public Protocol, the Rapid Response Mechanism, the Digital Citizen Initiative and more, is a central part of that. Nevertheless, an evolving threat environment must be met by an adaptive, evolving response and further improvements and action should always be considered.

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To this end, our current focus is on further measures that would:

- Further enhance the Government of Canada's communications with Canadians about foreign interference and protecting democracy;
- Strengthen the Government of Canada's institutions and ensure existing legislation is fully equipped to counter foreign interference;
- Respond to newly emerging risks, vulnerabilities, and security issues; and
- Deepen the Government of Canada's engagement with partners to enhance awareness and improve resilience to foreign interference.

The actions to be taken, identified in this document, will take into consideration other reviews that are underway, including by the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians and the National Security Intelligence Review Agency, as well as the work of the Independent Special Rapporteur, the Right Honourable David Johnston. In so doing, we will ensure that our public institutions work together to combat foreign interference in our electoral and democratic processes.



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