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**GAC RESPONSE TO FOREIGN INTERFERENCE – CHINA  
CHRONOLOGY/CHEAT SHEET**

<b>CASE 1 – CHINESE POLICE STATIONS</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
September 12 (2022)	<i>NGO Safeguard Defenders publishes report indicating China has established three overseas police stations in the Greater Toronto Area.</i>
September 29	GAC's Intelligence Bureau (IND) produces an assessment (INA-IN 0006-22) on three reported overseas police stations in the Greater Toronto Area and shares it with o/MINA.
October 7	OGM makes representations to the Ambassador of the PRC in Canada and: (1) Requests detailed information about the stations; (2) Asks the PRC to end any activities falling outside the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (VCDR).
October 28	OGM makes further representations to the PRC Ambassador, and: (1) Presents diplomatic note requesting that the stations be shut down; (2) [redacted] (3) Reminds the Ambassador of obligations under the VCDR. (4) [redacted]
November 4	OGM makes further representations to the PRC Ambassador, [redacted]
November 21	GAC introduces the RCMP's Strategic Engagement and Awareness Unit to China-focused domestic stakeholders to enhance dialogue, encourage open lines of communication on FI, harassment and intimidation with Chinese minorities in Canada.
February 24 (2023)	OGM makes further representations to the PRC Ambassador on this issue, including presenting a diplomatic note [redacted] and reminding of the importance of abiding by the VCDR.
June 1	GAC hosts a workshop with China-focused civil society stakeholders on longstanding concerns about Chinese intimidation, harassment of people of Chinese origin in Canada. RCMP and Public Safety (Foreign Interference Coordinator) take part.
June 13	<i>RCMP tells PROC that "policing activity" that was being done has been shut down, investigations are continuing.</i>
Until Today	<i>GAC continues to work with partner departments on information gathering and ongoing assessments about presence/activity of stations.</i>

<b>CASE 2 – PNG OF ZHAO WEI</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
May 1	<i>Globe and Mail article names Zhao Wei as PRC diplomat targeting M.P. Michael Chong.</i>
May 2	IND produces an assessment (IND-SP 0005-23) on PRC Consul Zhao Wei and the allegations in Canadian media.

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May 3	IND receives a package of reports from CSIS dating back to 2021, and produces an updated assessment on Zhao Wei (IND-SP 0007-23) based on this new information from CSIS.
May 4	MINA summons the PRC Ambassador for an in-person demarche on Canada's serious concerns related to Chinese FI.
Week of May 8	
May 8	(1) <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 200px; height: 1em;"></span> (2) 15:00 DMA demarches PRC Ambassador to inform him of the PNG decision. (3) 15:30 Canada publically declares Zhao Wei PNG for its role in targeting a Canadian MP and his family. Effective immediately. (4) <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1em;"></span>

<b>CASE 3 – SPAMOUFLAGE</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Early September 2023	GAC receives a tip about the Spamouflage campaign from <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 80px; height: 1em;"></span> RRM counterparts.
September 7	GAC (IOD) drafts a report about the probable Spamouflage campaign conducted by the PRC and shares it with SITE Task Force.
September 8	IFM receives the draft report.
September 15	o/MINA is briefed on the probable Spamouflage campaign.
Week of September 25	With a view to ensuring a whole-of-government approach to the response, GAC works with PCO to have Spamouflage at the agenda of the Deputy Minister's Committee on Intelligence Response (DMCIR).
Week of October 2	(1) GAC presents its proposed plan to respond to the RRM's findings on Spamouflage at DMCIR ( <i>see below for details of the response</i> ). (2) GAC receives DMCIR's endorsement for next steps.
Week of October 9	GAC works with PCO for the implementation of its action plan.
October 11	DMA raises Spamouflage with PRC officials.
October 13	GAC discusses the issue with META/Facebook, Google/Youtube.
October 16	GAC discusses the issue with Reddit.
October 17	GAC discusses the issue with X (formerly twitter).
October 23	(1) GAC sends a circular notice to all Members of Parliament (MPs). (2) GAC sends emails to all 47 MPs directly affected by Spamouflage. (3) GAC demarches the PRC Ambassador on Spamouflage. (4) GAC releases a public statement on Spamouflage and publishes a public version of the RRM's report. (5) GAC publishes a translated version of the public report for the sinophone community. (6) GAC briefs a Canadian critic targeted by Spamouflage.

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<b>CASE 4 – MP MICHAEL CHONG</b>	
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Week of June 19	(1) GAC observes irregular activity targeting MP Chong as part of RRM Canada's monitoring for the SITE Task Force. (2) GAC shares draft report with SITE Task Force for validation.
June 27	ADMs of the S&I community discuss the issue.
June 29	DMs of the S&I community discuss the issue.
July 6	Issue is raised at the PCO-led DM CIR Committee for discussion.
July 20	<i>PCO gives approval to move forward on addressing the issue.</i>
August 1	o/MINA is briefed.
August 9	(1) GAC releases a statement and a public version of the RRM's report on GAC's website. (2) MP Chong is briefed by GAC. (3) The PRC Ambassador is demarched by GAC. (4) Public report is translated and published for the Chinese speaking community.
September 8	GAC engages with Tencent (parent company of WeChat)

#### STATISTICS – DEMARCHES

**Overall, re. demarches:** There have been **48 representations with the PRC** at all levels (through diplomatic channels) on the issue of foreign interference, surveillance, and issues involving the security of Canada. 35 were made by HQ, and 13 in Beijing.

- 31 engagements, including 4 formal démarches on foreign interference.
- 20 engagements on Police Stations, including 1 formal démarche.
- 2 engagements on Surveillance balloons, including 1 formal démarche.
- 2 engagements on Zhao Wei PNG, including 1 formal démarche.

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