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SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY SOMMET POUR LA DÉMOCRATIE

Template for National Commitments Gabarit pour des engagements nationaux

Commitment title/Titre de l'engagement: Protecting Canada's Democracy	
<p>Description of the commitment (and announceable, if relevant)</p> <p>Description de l'engagement (et potentiel élément à annoncer, si pertinent)</p>	<p><i>Canada will build on ongoing efforts to protect Canada's democracy and safeguard its electoral and democratic processes by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Working with domestic and international partners to share good practices on combatting interference in democratic processes and to identify opportunities for potential joint initiatives</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>This will include sharing Canada's experience implementing its Plan to Protect Democracy, such as the Critical Election Incident Public Protocol and the Declaration, among other measures.</i> • <i>Engaging provincial/territorial officials on threat awareness including countering cyber threats and disinformation in electoral processes</i> • <i>Working with social media and other online platforms to implement the renewed Canada Declaration for Electoral Integrity Online to address evolutions in the digital space since 2019. This will include:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Implementing the Government of Canada's commitment to "Work towards improving its communications methods on platforms to enhance the circulation of authoritative and verifiable government information in the Internet ecosystem", including ensuring that electoral management bodies are identified as the leading source of information online on where, when, and how to vote</i> – <i>Working with social media companies toward the next iteration of the Declaration.</i>
<p>Identify which theme this commitment best fits under:</p> <p>1. Defending Against Authoritarianism (including promoting and protecting</p>	<p><i>Defending Against Authoritarianism</i></p>

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<p>democracy and elections)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Fighting Corruption 3. Human Rights (including civic space and inclusion) <p>Identifiez le thème sous lequel cet engagement s'inscrit le mieux :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Défense contre l'autoritarisme (y compris la promotion et la protection de la démocratie et des élections) 2. Lutte contre la corruption 3. Droits de la personne (y compris l'espace civique et l'inclusion) 	
<p>Timeline / Échéancier</p>	<p><i>Modification and extension of an existing commitment</i></p> <p><i>Start date: Fall 2021</i></p> <p><i>End date: Ongoing, but the following will be completed by Fall 2022:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Engagement with other jurisdictions in Canada and collaboration with domestic and international partners</i> • <i>Implementation of the Declaration commitment to enhance the circulation of authoritative and verifiable government information</i>
<p>Is this commitment part of a reporting mechanism? E.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada's National Action Plan on Open Government (NAP) • Universal Periodic Review of the Human Rights Council (UPR) • Others? 	<p>Yes – Canada's National Action Plan on Open Government</p>

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<p>Could it be added to an existing reporting mechanism?</p> <p>Est-ce que cet engagement fait partie d'un mécanisme de rapport? Par exemple :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan d'action national du Canada sur le gouvernement ouvert (PAN) • Revue périodique universelle du Conseil des Droits de l'Homme (RPU) • Autres? <p>Est-ce qu'il pourrait être ajouté à un mécanisme de rapport existant?</p>	
<p>Key stakeholders / Is there an existing consultative process? Parties prenantes clés/ Existe-t-il un processus consultatif?</p>	<p><i>Key stakeholders:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>For the Declaration: Social media and other online platforms</i> • <i>For other electoral integrity activities: Provinces and territories, and other domestic and international partners (e.g. governments, civil society, private sector)</i> <p><i>Existing consultative processes: Yes</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Both the original (2019) and updated (2021) Declarations were negotiated directly with platforms</i> • <i>Provinces and territories will be engaged through an existing network of electoral management bodies, as well as purpose-built networks for organizations responsible for electoral policy and law</i> • <i>Domestic and international partners are engaged through existing mechanisms such as the Paris Call for Trust and Security in Cyberspace, Principle 3; the Copenhagen Democracy Summit; as well as bilaterally.</i>
<p>Comments/Considerations: Commentaires/Considérations</p>	

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