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# FACT SHEET: FOREIGN INFLUENCE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

REGISTRATION OBLIGATIONS

## 1. FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

An individual or entity acting at the direction of (or in association with) a foreign principal.



### 2. INFLUENCE ACTIVITIES

Includes communications with a public office holder; communication or dissemination of information to the public; disbursement of money or thing of value.



# 3. POLITICAL/GOVERNMENT **PROCESS**

For an activity to be registrable, it must be related to a political or government process, at any level of government.

DEFINITIONS



# WHAT IS A FOREIGN PRINCIPAL?

- Foreign Economic Entity
- Foreign Entity
- Foreign Power
- Foreign State



# WHAT CONSTITUTES A POLITICAL OR **GOVERNMENT PROCESS?**\*

- ✓ Development of policy, program or legislative proposal
- Decision-making by public office holder
- Nomination of a political candidate
- Holding of an election or referendum

Not an exhaustive list

**EXEMPTIONS AND** ENFORCEMENT

# **EXEMPTIONS TO REGISTRATION**

- Arrangements to which Canada is a party
- **Diplomats**
- Employees of foreign governments acting in their official capacity



## **COMPLIANCE TOOLS**

- Notices (e.g., public declaration information notices)
- Monetary penalties (i.e., fines)
- Criminal penalties



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