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Protecting the integrity of our electoral system, and the trust Canadians place in it, is – and will continue to be – at the heart of our compliance and enforcement work.”



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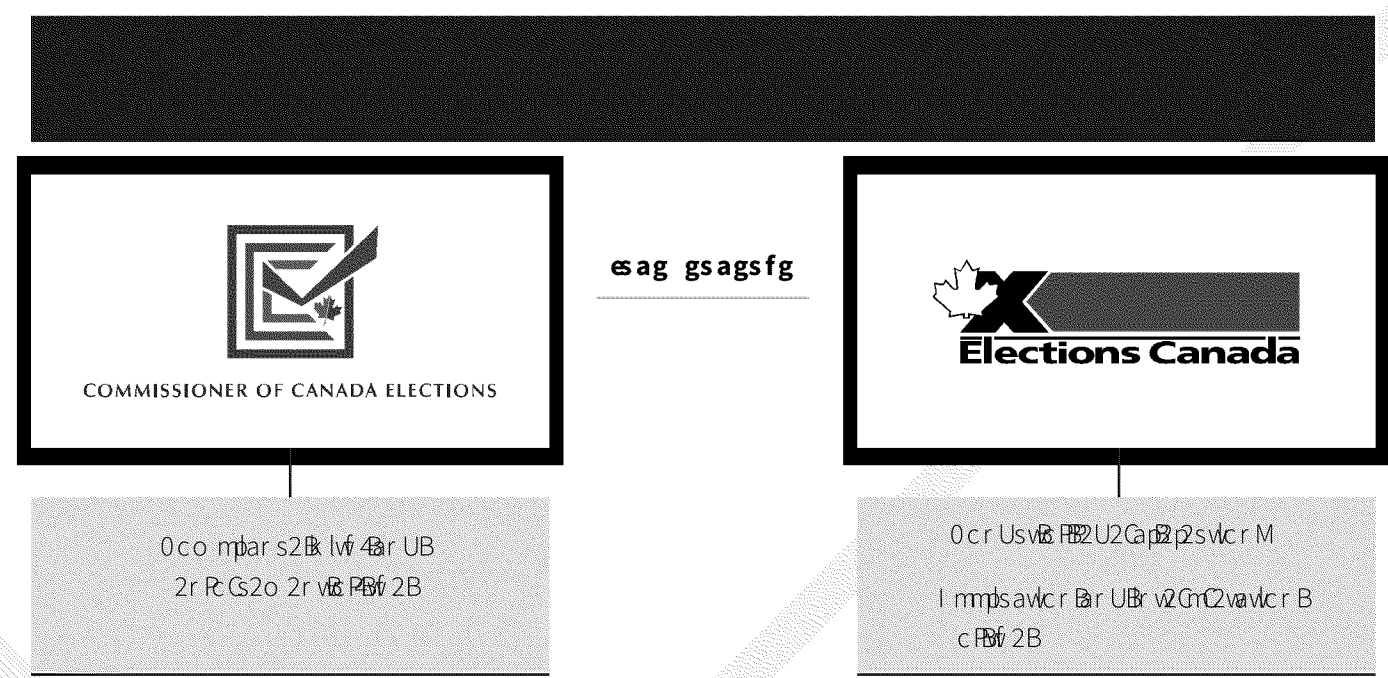
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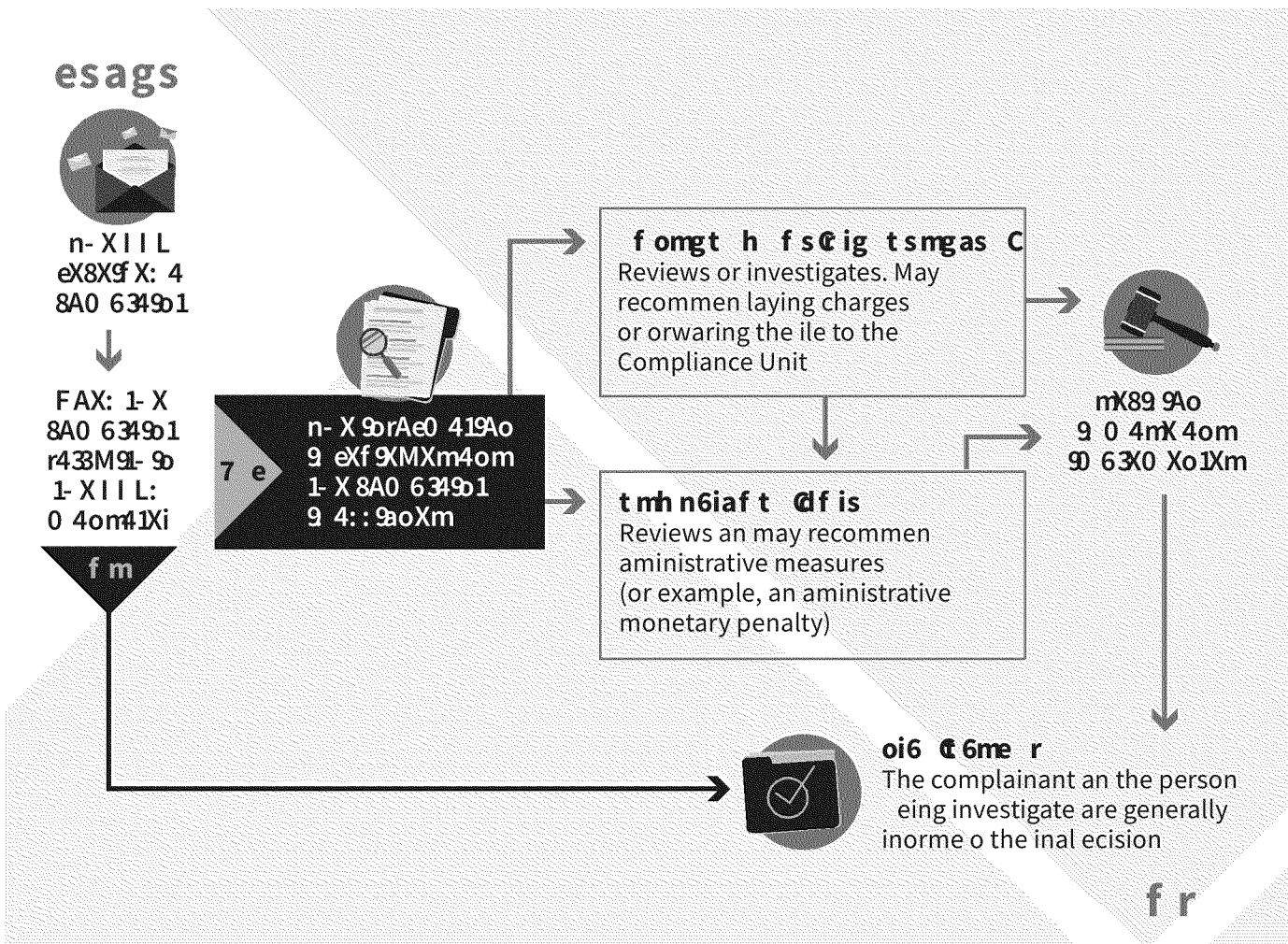
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When should I complain?

The Commission can only examine complaints related to the act or the *Referendum* act – as a result she cannot respond to complaints under laws that do not fall within her mandate or that are related to electoral legislation at other levels of government. In certain cases, the CCE may deal with an offence under the *Criminal Code* if it is closely related to an offence under the act or the *Referendum* act.

To help determine if your complaint falls within the Commission's area of responsibility please consult the frequently asked questions on the CCE website.

The website contains a wealth of useful information to help you determine if you should file a complaint.

Referrals from Elections Canada

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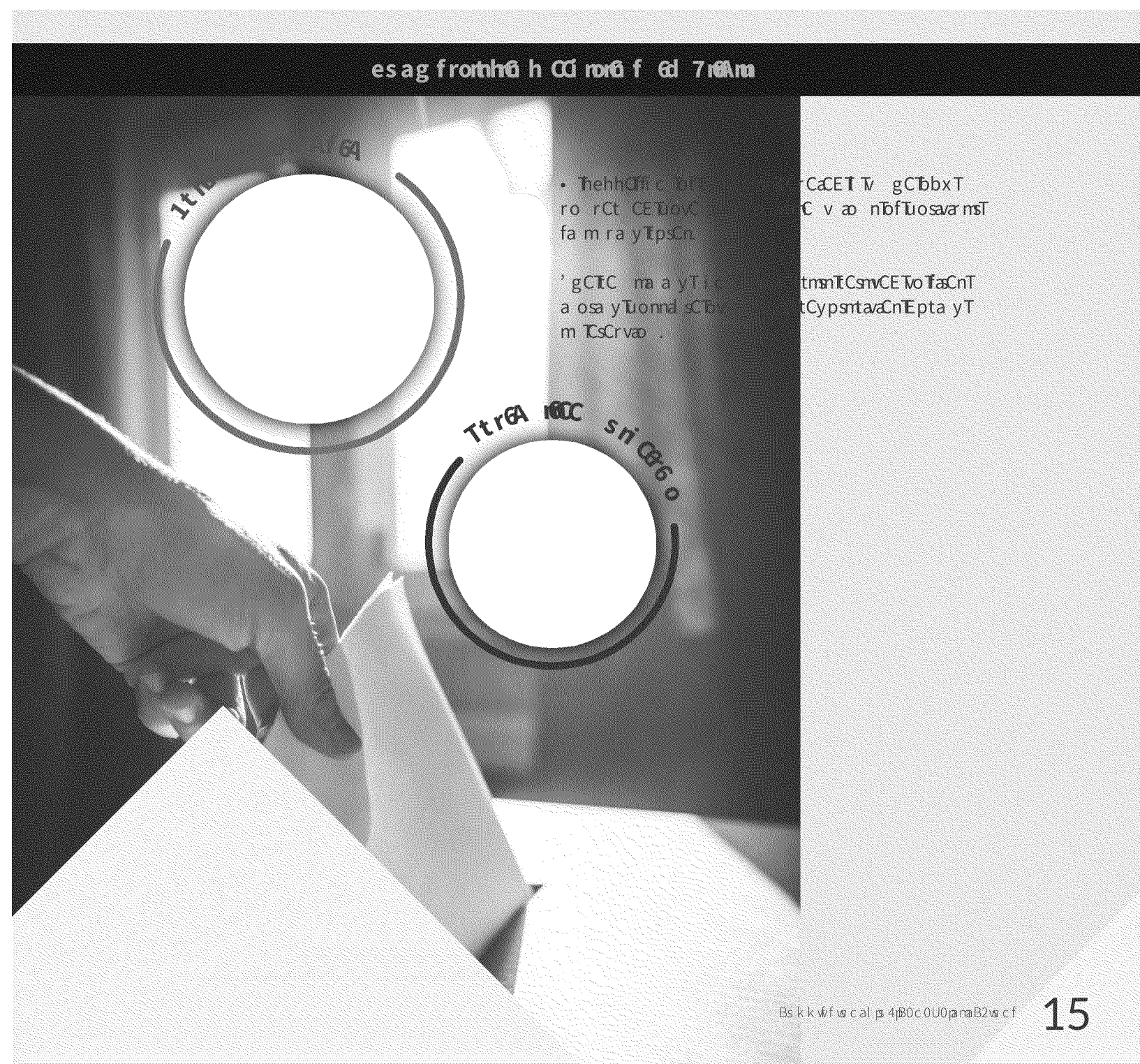
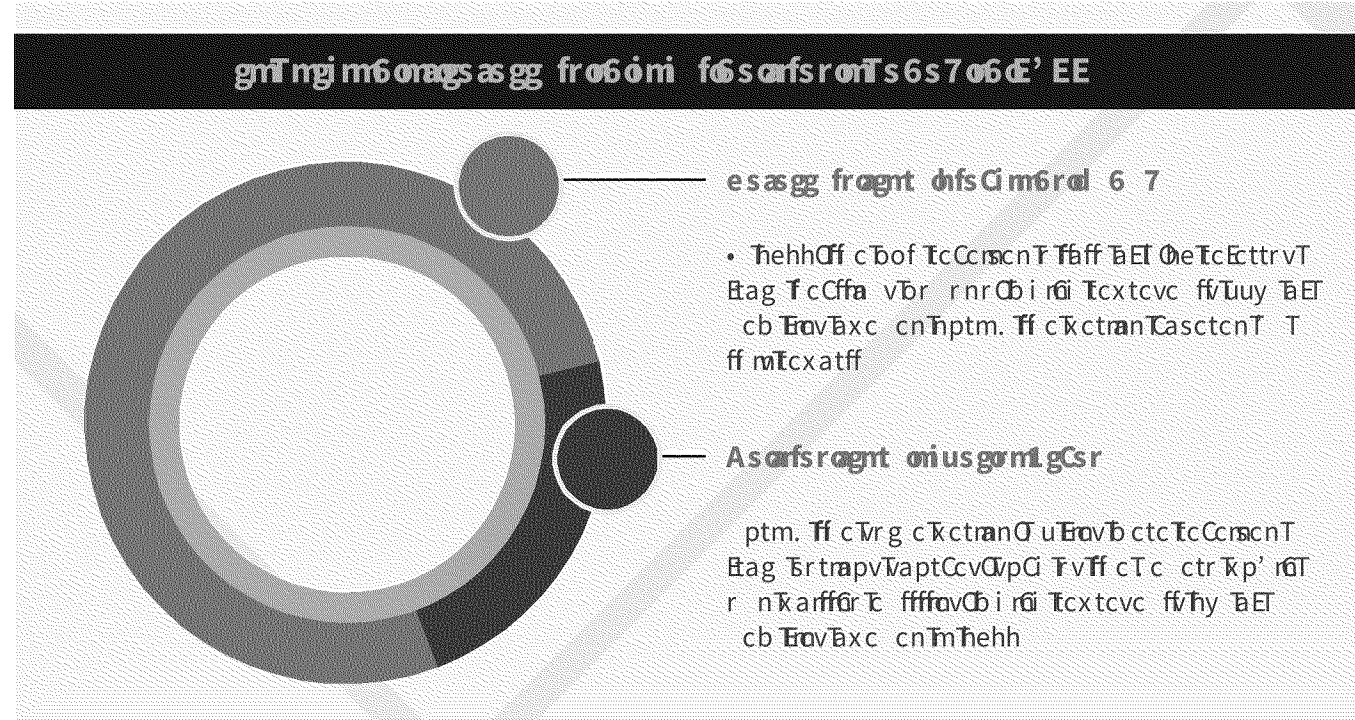
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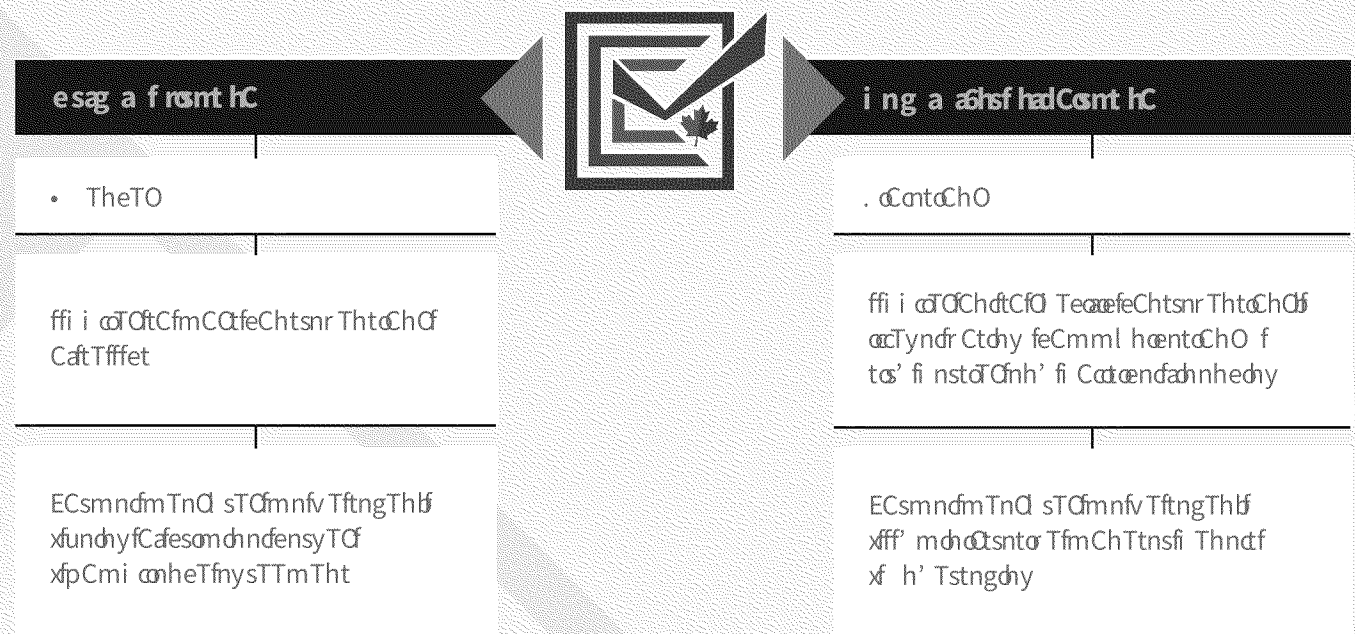
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written opinions, guidelines and interpretation notes



Consistency in interpreting and applying

...the Commissioner must provide comments on draft interpretation notes proposed by the Chief Electoral Officer.

...provide clarification on a specific area of the Act where there is a need to ensure consistency in its interpretation and application, as well as its enforcement.

...be issued by Elections Canada or at the request of the chief agent of a regulated political entity.

...interpretation notes relate to how the provisions in the Act apply to regulated political entities. They are published for informational purposes only and are not binding on regulated political entities.

...different areas of the Act and help to make them more accessible to regulated political entities. In particular, they are found in guides published by Elections Canada.

...interpretation notes, guidelines provide guidance on how to interpret and apply the Act. Guidelines are published for informational purposes only and are not binding on regulated political entities.

...initiated by a candidate or a regulated political entity, and the Commissioner may wish to undertake, before a candidate or a regulated political entity is appointed, a preliminary version of written opinions, guidelines and interpretation notes.

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TOPICS OF INTEREST

Allegations of foreign interference in federal elections

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The CCE can lay criminal charges and impose administrative monetary penalties for matters of foreign interference.

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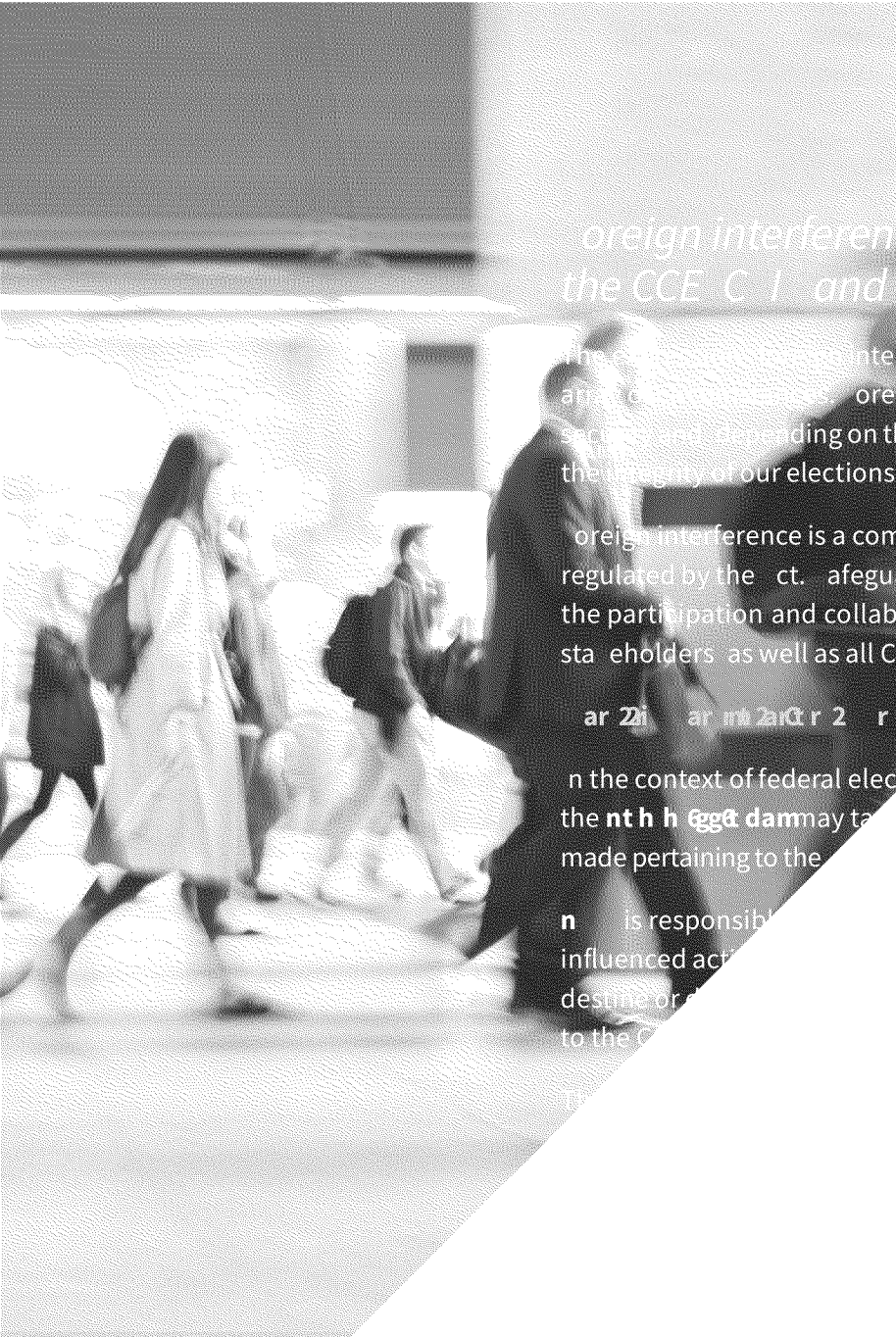
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Foreign interference the CCE, C-1, and

The Commission on the integrity of the electoral process has identified foreign interference as a significant threat to the integrity of our elections.

Foreign interference is a complex issue that is not fully regulated by the current legal framework. It affects the participation and collaboration of stakeholders, as well as all Canadians.

Our mandate is to ensure the integrity of the electoral process. In the context of federal elections, the Commission may take any measures made pertaining to the integrity of the process.

The Commission is responsible for investigating and influencing activities that may be intended or likely to influence the outcome of an election.

How to help safeguard federal elections in Canada

By participating in the electoral process, Canadians can help safeguard federal elections. This includes staying informed about candidates and issues, and voting responsibly. It also involves reporting any suspicious activity to the Commission.

The Commission will continue to work with stakeholders to identify and address threats to the integrity of the electoral process. We encourage all Canadians to get involved and help ensure a fair and free election.

Recommendations for legislative change

1. Amend the *Canada Elections Act* to clarify the definition of foreign interference and to expand the scope of the Commission's jurisdiction.

2. Introduce a new offence for the disclosure of confidential information obtained through foreign interference.

3. Enhance the Commission's powers of investigation and enforcement, including the ability to issue subpoenas and to conduct searches.

4. Establish a new body to monitor and report on foreign interference activities, working in coordination with the Commission.

5. Provide for the appointment of a special investigator to handle complex or high-profile cases of foreign interference.

6. Amend the *Access to Information Act* to exempt information related to foreign interference from public release.

7. Introduce a new offence for the use of false information to influence an election.

8. Enhance the Commission's powers to cooperate with law enforcement agencies in the investigation of foreign interference.

9. Establish a new body to monitor and report on foreign interference activities, working in coordination with the Commission.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Ongoing work related to the last general election

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