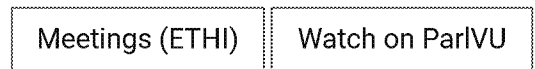
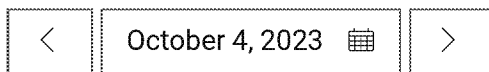


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Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (ETHI)

44th Parliament, 1st Session

Meeting 83

🕒 Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 4:33 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

📍 Room 425, Wellington Building, 197 Sparks Street

📹 In Camera

Presiding

John Brassard, Chair (Conservative)

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Members of the Committee present



Liberal

Parm Bains
 Pam Damoff
 Hon. Mona Fortier
 Iqra Khalid

Bloc Québécois

René Villemure

Conservative

Michael Barrett
 John Brassard
 Jacques Gourde
 Damien C. Kurek

NDP

Matthew Green

Acting Members present 

- Mike Kelloway for Hon. Greg Fergus (Liberal)

In attendance **Library of Parliament**

- Sabrina Charland, Analyst
- Alexandra Savoie, Analyst
- Maxime-Olivier Thibodeau, Analyst

Foreign Interference and Threats to the Integrity of Democratic Institutions, Intellectual Property and the Canadian State

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(h) and the motion adopted by the committee on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, the committee resumed its study of foreign interference and threats to the integrity of democratic institutions, intellectual property and the Canadian state.

The committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, – That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, – That the report be entitled: "Foreign Interference and the Threats to the Integrity of Democratic Institutions, Intellectual Property and the Canadian State".

It was agreed, – That the Chair, clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, – That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the committee request that the government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, – That dissenting or supplementary opinions be in Calibri 12-point font, left aligned, single-spaced, and be submitted electronically, in both official languages, to the clerk of the committee, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2023.

ORDERED, – That the Chair present the report to the House.

ORDERED, – That the clerk and analysts of the committee, in consultation with the Chair and members of the committee, prepare a news release for publication on the committee's website and for distribution upon presentation of the report to the House.

ORDERED, – That the clerk of the committee make the necessary arrangements for a press conference to be held after the presentation of the committee's report to the House; and that the committee be represented by the Chair and a representative from each party.

At 5:29 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:32 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

Committee Business

The committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to committee business.

Michael Barrett gave oral notice of the following motion:

That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(h) and in light of the new information revealed through whistleblower complaints, regarding the one-billion-dollar fund awarded by the government to Sustainable Development Technologies Canada to deliver taxpayer money to the green tech sector, the committee dedicate six meetings to this matter and hear testimony from the Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, the Minister of the Environment, the Minister of Finance, and that the committee order the government to produce all documents related to this program, including emails, briefing notes, text messages, contracts, funding agreements, memorandums of understanding and any other document that the government has related to this program.

Motion

Michael Barrett moved, – That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(h), and in relation to Minister Steven Guilbeault's recent collaboration with the Chinese Communist Party, a foreign government undertaking human rights abuses and actively interfering in Canada's democracy, the committee invite Minister Guilbeault to appear before the committee and testify for no less than two hours, within two weeks of the adoption of this motion.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS: Michael Barrett, Jacques Gourde, Damien C. Kurek – 3;

NAYS: Parm Bains, Pam Damoff, Mona Fortier, Matthew Green, Mike Kelloway, Iqra Khalid, René Villemure – 7.

At 6:00 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Nancy Vohl
Clerk of the committee