IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN FEDERAL ELECTORAL PROCESSES AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS

PUBLIC AFFIDAVIT OF CSIS ADR WITNESS #1

I, CSIS ADR Witness #1, of the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario, AFFIRM THAT:

- 1. On February 23, 2024, I was interviewed by Counsel to the Public Inquiry into Foreign Interference in Federal Electoral Processes and Democratic Institutions ("Commission Counsel") in my capacity as a Senior Intelligence Analyst in a branch within the Assistant Director of Requirements ("ADR") Directorate of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service ("CSIS"). I was interviewed with two other witnesses from this branch.
- 2. In advance of the Stage 1 public hearings, Commission Counsel prepared a public summary of our interview (the "Unclassified Interview Summary"), which was reviewed for National Security Confidentiality ("NSC") and which I previously adopted as part of my evidence before the Commission.
- 3. In advance of the Stage 2 public hearings, Commission Counsel prepared an addendum to the Unclassified Interview Summary. This addendum summarizes information provided during our interview that, in Commission Counsel's view, is relevant to Stage 2 of the Commission's proceedings.
- 4. In the course of the NSC review of the addendum, some of the information was removed or summarized in order to protect the disclosure of information that could be injurious to the critical interests of Canada or its allies, national defence or national security.
- 5. I have reviewed the public version of the addendum, a copy of which is attached as **Exhibit "A"** to this affidavit (the "Addendum to the Unclassified Interview Summary").
- 6. The Addendum to the Unclassified Interview Summary contains an accurate account of publicly disclosable information that I provided to the Commission. I do not wish to make any changes, additions, or deletions to the Addendum to the Unclassified Interview Summary. Insofar as the Addendum to the Unclassified Interview Summary contains information provided by other interview participants, that information is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

7. I adopt the contents of the Addendum to the Unclassified Interview Summary ascribed to me as part of my evidence before the Commission.

AFFIRMED before me in the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario on October 28, 2024.

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This is **Exhibit "A"** to the Public Affidavit of CSIS ADR Witness #1, affirmed before me on October 28, 2024

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Addendum to Interview Summary: CSIS ADR Directorate Witnesses

Senior officials from an operational branch within CSIS were interviewed in a panel format by Commission Counsel on February 23, 2024. The interview was held in a secure environment and included references to classified information. This addendum contains information provided during that interview that is relevant to Stage 2 of the Commission's proceedings and that, in the opinion of the Commissioner, would not be injurious to the critical interests of Canada or its allies, national defence or national security.

Notes to Reader:

☐ Commission Counsel have provided explanatory notes in square brackets to assist the reader.

1. Michael Chong

[1] CSIS Witness # 1 explained that his branch, in coordination with the CSIS Foreign Interference Tiger Team, had helped to prepare the briefings that were delivered to Michael Chong in 2023. Witness #1 and witness #2 explained that, when Mr. Chong was previously briefed by representatives of CSIS, it was not under TRM authority. Because of this, Mr. Chong had not been provided with classified and detailed information concerning the PRC's interest in him or his family. This was also reflective of the fact that no specific intelligence indicated imminent physical harm, or threat thereof, to Mr. Chong or his relatives.