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## PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO FOREIGN INTERFERENCE

### INSTITUTIONAL REPORT -PART C

#### GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA

##### Information requested by the Commission:

*(1) A listing and description of all major instances of suspected foreign interference targeting Canada's democratic processes, including summary, dates, target, country involved, key players, information flow and any responses taken.*

- Refer to the Institutional Report of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) for the list and description of major instances of suspected foreign interference targeting Canada's democratic processes.

*2) A listing and description of all existing means at the disposal of each government department and agency to detect, deter and counter any foreign interference activities, including any relevant changes to or evolution in these means.*

Aligned with GAC's mandate, capabilities outlined below to detect, deter and counter foreign interference activities are in support of advancing foreign policy priorities. These capabilities are not focused within Canada. GAC works closely with and supports the work of domestic government departments with mandates related to potential foreign interference in Canada, including members of the security and intelligence community.

##### **Detect**

- 1) The RRM Canada team has analytical capability based on open-source research to monitor potential information manipulation by foreign actors. The team's focus is predominantly international (i.e., watching for foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI) to support foreign policy priorities and learning about malign tactics). This includes working with analysts from across the G7 RRM community to share threat assessments and contribute to collective learning about evolving tactics.
- 2) Section 16 of the *CSIS Act* provides that the Minister of Foreign Affairs may make a request for CSIS to collect foreign intelligence. The intelligence collection enabled by Section 16 provides the Government of Canada with relevant intelligence to support decision making, notably as it relates to detecting foreign interference.

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- 3) Geographic desks may engage with civil society actors in Canada on a broad range of issues relevant to supporting Canadian foreign policy, such as human rights. These engagements are important to learn about issues of relevance to Canada's foreign policy positions from individuals or groups who are familiar with the situations within countries where it can be difficult to obtain reliable information (e.g., China, Iran). During these engagements, if information is shared incidentally related to allegations of foreign interference in Canada, the information is passed on to domestic departments or agencies with the appropriate mandate for any potential further action.

### **Deter and Counter**

GAC's toolkit to deter or counter foreign interference must be considered alongside the whole suite of Government of Canada tools. It is important to consider which tool may be most effective or appropriate, including consideration of long-term goals and objectives Canada aims to achieve. Some of GAC's tools include:

- formal but non-public official communications (demarche, diplomatic notes) with foreign governments
- pro-active communications to foreign missions in Canada to remind them of their duties under the Vienna Conventions to respect Canadian laws and regulations, and to not to interfere in Canada's internal affairs (circulated in advance of 2015, 2019 and 2021 federal elections).
- public communications articulating Canadian positions (GAC statements, ministerial tweets, advocacy work, etc)
- using social media and web presence to highlight FIMI campaigns, fact check narratives and offer counter narratives, including:
  - Web content sharing information on threat tactics to increase awareness: [Combatting foreign disinformation and information manipulation](#); [Russia's use of disinformation and information manipulation](#).
  - Social media posts to shine light on the dangers of disinformation, share interviews with experts, and share advice on how individuals can be more resilient to disinformation: [How Canada counters foreign disinformation, protecting elections against disinformation, disinformation agents drown out debate, a series of video interviews](#).
- cancellation of a visit/deal/agreement; withdrawal from an event; announcement of policy change; sanctions on companies or individuals
- denial of diplomatic visas (or of their extension)
- denial of the creation of new positions or diplomatic missions
- recalling of Canada's Ambassador to a country
- declaring of diplomatic or consular staff *persona non grata*
- closing foreign missions, etc.

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**G7 engagements**

GAC works to ensure that FI and FIMI-related issues are continually on the G7 policy agenda. This includes raising the issue in G7 leaders meetings and negotiating language into G7 statements (from 2018 to 2024, more than 11 Leader and 13 Foreign Minister Statements have referenced FIMI). Beginning in 2022, the G7 RRM published Annual Reports ([2021](#); [2022](#)) which call out identified tactics in the international sphere, aiming to contribute to enhanced public awareness about FIMI.

**Platform engagement**

RRM Canada maintains ongoing dialogue with social media platforms to enable sharing of relevant information identified by RRM Canada. Social media companies may use the information to inform internal decisions as to any actions that could be taken, which will be based on adherence to a platform's terms of service.

**Cyber attributions:**

The GAC-led Government of Canada (GoC) cyber attribution framework was established in 2019 and considers whether identified cyber activities can be attributed to a foreign actor. The process includes identification of any proposed actions. The framework assesses foreign state behaviour against applicable international law in cyberspace and agreed-to United Nations norms on responsible state behaviour. It also considers national security concerns. To date, there has been no activation of the cyber attribution framework in relation to cyber activity targeting Canadian democratic institutions and processes.

**Cyber Operations:**

GAC works in close cooperation with the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) to ensure alignment of CSE's Active Cyber Operations (ACO) activities with foreign policy priorities, including as they related to countering foreign interference. Specifically, subsection 30(2) of the *CSE Act* stipulates that the Minister of National Defence may issue an Active Cyber Operations Authorization only if the Minister of Foreign Affairs has requested the Authorization's issue or has consented to its issue.

**Sanctions:**

To date, Canada has added 125 individuals and 40 entities to the *Special Economic Measures Act* (SEMA) list for propaganda and disinformation related actions. None of the sanctions to date have focused on targeting of Canada or Canadian democratic processes – they have focused on Russia and disinformation campaigns related to the conflict in Ukraine.

**3) A listing and description of all policy proposals, legislative plans and resource requests related to foreign interference, including but not limited to memos to the Deputy Minister (or**

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*equivalent) or Assistant Deputy Minister (or equivalent). At a minimum, this should include the date of the request, date of decision (where applicable), a summary of the proposed changes and the outcome of the request.*

Since 2018, there have been a number of internal reallocations, resource requests, and policy initiatives that implicate the capacity of GAC to address FI in Canada:

- The 2018 [National Cyber Security Strategy](#) (NCSS) created the International Cyber Policy Division in GAC, including one full-time equivalent (FTE) position with responsibility for cyber attributions.
- The RRM was launched in 2018 [as part of Canada's G7 presidency](#). The temporary funding of \$2.1 million for the team was identified through an internal reallocation of six FTEs to pilot RRM capacity over 3 years.
- In June 2022, Minister Joly announced the [expansion of Canada's diplomatic presence in Central and Eastern Europe and Caucasus](#) – including three FTEs to expand the RRM Canada team to support Canada's international engagement on countering foreign-sponsored disinformation.
- Budget 2022 announced funding of \$13.4 million over five years, starting in 2022-23, with \$2.8 million ongoing to GAC to renew and expand the G7 RRM on an ongoing basis. This resulted in the renewal of eight FTEs, and an expansion with four new FTEs to a total of twelve FTEs.
- In November 2022 –Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy was released, which includes specific references to threat of foreign interference.

*(4) A listing and description of all existing arrangements and undertakings (including Memoranda of Understanding) between government departments and agencies, and with international partners, aimed at detecting, deterring, and countering foreign interference activities, including the dates that the arrangements have been in place.*

GAC participates in various working groups and consultations across the Government of Canada related to foreign interference. Many of these are not based on official MOUs or arrangements, but recognize the importance of integrating foreign policy considerations and expertise from within GAC to support policy and programming considerations of domestic departments and agencies (refer to PCO list of Government of Canada interdepartmental committees).

Within GAC's international engagements, foreign interference is an issue raised in many different forums, both bilaterally and multilaterally, which are not based on formal MOUs. Formal arrangements include:

- 1) G7 Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM). Created in 2018, Canada leads the RRM Secretariat, includes responsibilities such as organizing focal point meetings

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(representatives from each RRM member), supporting the establishment of working groups, sharing information across G7 RRM focal points, leading the writing and seeking approval of the RRM Annual Report. While initially a primary focus was on FIMI, there are now 6 working groups. One was established in 2020 (open-source analytics); four in 2023 (collective response, transnational repression, subnational interference, capacity building); and one in 2024 (mitigating heightened risks from generative AI).

- 2) In October 2023 GAC co-led a [Global Declaration on Information Integrity](#) with the Netherlands. The Declaration sets out high-level priorities for countries to protect the information space and foster open, free, and inclusive debate. The Declaration has since been supported by: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Czechia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldova, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Uruguay and the United States.
- 3) In January 2024, GAC signed on to the [Framework to Counter Foreign State Information Manipulation](#), led by the State Department of the United States. The Framework will deepen cooperation between like-minded partners, establish a common operating picture, and support the development of resilient, fact-based information ecosystems.

*(5) A listing and description of all warrant applications related to foreign interference submitted to the Minister of Public Safety, and ministerial authorizations submitted to the Minister of National Defence, including date submitted to the Minister, date approved by the Minister, date of decision by the Federal Court and, if applicable, the reasons for decision.*

- NIL

*(6) A listing and description of the date, venue, participants and summary of discussion for all significant engagements by senior executives (ADM and above, including Ministers) with representatives of foreign governments (especially China, Russia and India) where the subject of foreign interference was raised.*

GAC officials, including Deputy Ministers and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, regularly engage with representatives of foreign governments. Since 2018, the issue of FI has been raised directly with foreign governments via diplomatic notes and demarches, and during bilateral or at multilateral meetings.

In the case of China, direct engagement with PRC officials from 2018 until fall 2021 were limited and focused on securing the safe release of Michael Spavor and Michael Kovrig. After their release from detention in fall 2021, resumption of senior level diplomatic engagement

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began in early 2022. The issue of FI in Canada by China has been raised consistently throughout 2022 until present.

For Russia, there has been no direct communication related to FI in Canada with Russia from 2018 to present. Notably, diplomatic engagement has been limited since the full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022.

For India, Canada has engaged in dialogue related to concerns about the Khalistani issue for years. During COVID from 2020-2022, GAC's primary focus was related to pandemic management objectives (evacuating Canadians, securing vaccines for Canada, providing respirators to India, etc.). In April 2023, GAC began to raise specific instances related to FI with the Indian Ministry of External Affairs.

For Iran, Canada's bilateral relationship is extremely limited, especially following the closure of Canada's Embassy in Tehran in 2012. There have been no senior level engagements with Iran on the subject of FI.

Country	Event	Date	Venue	Participants	Summary
People's Republic of China.	Meeting with PRC officials	January 17, 2022	Video call	Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Marta Morgan  Chinese MFA Vice Minister Xie Feng	Topic: FI
	Meeting with PRC officials	August 31, 2022	PRC Embassy in Ottawa and diplomatic note.	Associate Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Cindy Termorshuizen  Chinese Ambassador Cong Peiwu	Topic: FI
	Meeting with PRC officials	October 7, 2022	125 Sussex, Ottawa	Assistant Deputy Minister of the Asia Pacific Branch Paul Thoppil  Chinese Ambassador Cong Peiwu	Topic: Overseas "stations"
	Meeting with PRC Officials	October 28, 2022	125 Sussex, Ottawa	Assistant Deputy Minister of the Asia Pacific Branch Paul Thoppil	Topic: Overseas "stations"

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				Chinese Ambassador Cong Peiwu	
	PM Meeting with President Xi	November 2022	Bali, Indonesia, G20 Leaders' Summit	Prime Minister Justin Trudeau  PRC President Xi Jinping	Topic: FI
	Meeting with PRC Officials	November 4, 2022	125 Sussex, Ottawa	Assistant Deputy Minister of the Asia Pacific Branch Paul Thoppil  Chinese Ambassador Cong Peiwu	Topic: Overseas "stations"
	Meeting with PRC Officials	November 15, 2022	125 Sussex, Ottawa	Assistant Deputy Minister of the Asia Pacific Branch Paul Thoppil  Chinese Ambassador Cong Peiwu	Topic: Overseas "stations"
	Meeting with PRC Officials	November 28, 2022	125 Sussex, Ottawa	Assistant Deputy Minister of the Asia Pacific Branch Paul Thoppil  Chinese Ambassador Cong Peiwu	Topic: Overseas "stations"
	Meeting with PRC Officials	December 23, 2022	125 Sussex, Ottawa	Assistant Deputy Minister of the Asia Pacific Branch Paul Thoppil  Chinese Ambassador Cong Peiwu	Topic: Overseas "stations"
	Meeting with PRC Officials	February 2, 2023	125 Sussex, Ottawa	Associate Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Cindy Termorshuizen  Chinese Ambassador Cong Peiwu	Topic: FI, overseas "stations", malign cyber activities

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	Meeting with PRC Officials	February 24, 2023	125 Sussex, Ottawa	Assistant Deputy Minister of the Asia Pacific Branch Weldon Epp  Chinese Ambassador Cong Peiwu	Topic: FI and overseas “stations”
	Meeting with PRC Officials	March 2, 2023	Munich Security Conference	Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly  Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang	Topic: FI
	Meeting with PRC Officials	May 4, 2023	125 Sussex, Ottawa	Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs David Morrison  Chinese Ambassador Cong Peiwu  AFTERNOON	Topic: FI and PRC diplomat
	Meeting with PRC Officials	May 4, 2023	125 Sussex, Ottawa	Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs David Morrison  Chinese Ambassador Cong Peiwu  EVENING	Topic: FI and PRC diplomat
	Meeting with PRC Officials	May 5, 2023	Beijing	Canada’s Head of Mission in Beijing  Chinese MFA DG, North America, Yang Tao	Topic: FI and PRC diplomat
	Meeting with PRC Officials	May 7, 2023	125 Sussex, Ottawa	Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs David Morrison  Chinese Ambassador Cong Peiwu	Topic: FI and PRC diplomat



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	Meeting with PRC Officials	May 8, 2023	125 Sussex, Ottawa	Associate Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Cindy Termorshuizen Chinese Ambassador Cong Peiwu	Topic: FI and PNG notification
	Meeting with PRC Officials	August 9, 2023	125 Sussex, Ottawa	Assistant Deputy Minister of the Asia Pacific Branch Weldon Epp Chinese Ambassador Cong Peiwu	Topic: state-led disinformation
	Meeting with PRC Officials	October 11, 2023	125 Sussex, Ottawa	Associate Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Cindy Termorshuizen Chinese Ambassador Cong Peiwu	Topic: Spamouflage
	Meeting with PRC Officials	January 11, 2024	Phone call	Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi	Topic: Public Inquiry
	Meeting with PRC Officials	February 17, 2024	Munich Security Conference	Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi	Topic: Public Inquiry
	Meeting with PRC Officials	April 19, 2024	Beijing	Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs David Morrison Chinese MFA Executive Vice Minister Ma Zhaoxu	Topic: FI
	Meeting with PRC Officials	May 29, 2024	125 Sussex, Ottawa	Chief of Protocol of Canada Sébastien Carrière Chinese Ambassador-designate Wang Di	Topic: FI

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	Meeting with PRC Officials	June 7, 2024	Phone call	Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs David Morrison  Chinese MFA Executive Vice Minister Ma Zhaoxu	Topic: FI
	Meeting with PRC Officials	June 11, 2024	125 Sussex, Ottawa	Assistant Deputy Minister of the Asia Pacific Branch Weldon Epp  Chinese Ambassador-designate Wang Di	Topic: FI
India	Introductory call	November 1, 2022	Phone Call	Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs David Morrison  Secretary East Saurabh Kumar	Topic: overall Canada-India relationship (FI not specifically raised)
	Briefing for Foreign Office Consultations	April 4, 2023	Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, India	Canada's Head of Mission in Delhi Cameron MacKay	Topic: FI among a range of topics
	Private Luncheon on sidelines of Foreign Office Consultations	April 11, 2023	Ottawa, Canada	Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs David Morrison  Secretary East Saurabh Kumar	Topic: FI among a range of topics
	Follow-up on Foreign Office Consultations	April 14, 2023	Rideau Club, Ottawa	Canada's Head of Mission in Delhi Cameron MacKay	Topic: FI (not related to democratic institutions)
	Meeting with Indian officials	August 18, 2023	New Delhi, India	NSIA Jody Thomas  NSA Ajit Doval	Topic: FI (not related to democratic institutions)

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				External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar	
	Call with Indian officials	August 23, 2023	Phone	Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs David Morrison  Secretary East Saurabh Kumar	Topic: Arranging call for MINA related to FI (not related to democratic institutions)
	Call between FMs	August 27, 2023	Phone	Foreign Affairs Minister Mélanie Joly  External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar	Topic: FI (not related to democratic institutions)
	Meeting with Indian High Commissioner	August 29, 2023	Ottawa, Canada	Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs David Morrison  Indian High Commissioner Sanjay Verma	Topic: FI (not related to democratic institutions)
	Meetings with Indian officials	September 5-10, 2023	New Delhi, India	NSIA Jody Thomas  Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs David Morrison  NSA Ajit Doval  Secretary East Saurabh Kumar	Topic: FI (not related to democratic institutions)
	PM Bilat	September 10, 2023	New Delhi, India	Prime Minister Justin Trudeau  PMO Udita Samuel	Topic: FI (not related to democratic institutions)

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				Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs David Morrison  Prime Minister Narendra Modi  External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar  NSA Ajit Doval	
	Meeting with Indian High Commissioner	September 18, 2023	Ottawa, Canada	Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs David Morrison  Indian High Commissioner Sanjay Verma	Topic: PNG, FI (not related to democratic institutions)
	Call between FMs	September 20, 2023	Phone	Foreign Affairs Minister Mélanie Joly  External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar	Topic: FI (not related to democratic institutions)
	Meeting with NSA	November 3, 2023	Dubai	NSIA Jody Thomas  Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs David Morrison  NSA Ajit Doval	Topic: FI (not related to democratic institutions)
	Meeting with Indian High Commissioner	November 30, 2023	Ottawa, Canada	Assistant Deputy Minister of the Asia Pacific Branch Weldon Epp	Topic: FI (not related to democratic institutions)

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				Indian High Commissioner Sanjay Verma	
Multi-lateral	G7 Political Director calls	Bi-weekly since February 2022	Secure calls	Assistant Deputy Minister of International Security Branch (and Canada's G7 Political Director) Heidi Hulan	Topic: G7 coordination (including Russia's invasion of Ukraine). FI raised as required (TNR, PRC liaison stations, etc).
	Outreach at United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) High Level Week	September 19, 2023	UNGA	Assistant Deputy Minister of International Security Branch (and Canada's G7 Political Director) Heidi Hulan  Political Directors of UK, US, NL, FR	Topic: TNR, FI

*(7) A listing and description of all education campaigns aimed at Parliamentarians and their staff, political parties, government employees at federal, provincial or municipal levels, diaspora groups, or the public related to foreign interference.*

Given the international mandate of GAC, there are limited events that are organized or co-organized by GAC in Canada as part of an educational campaign related to FI. GAC geographic desks sometimes host events (such as roundtable discussions) to advance and inform Canada's wider foreign policy objectives, but the primary purpose is not an education campaign. This list below does not include events where GAC was invited as a panelist, but which were led by other government departments, as they were not educational campaigns initiated by GAC.

- November 20, 2023: Human Rights Forum in Ottawa, focus on trans-national repression and China, which included participation of academics, civil society organizations, and selected foreign diplomats.

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- April 13, 2024: GAC co-hosted a public event on transnational repression with Toronto Metropolitan University.
- November 8, 2023: following the GAC public disclosure on Spamouflage and at the request of the CPC Whip, RRM Canada provided an in-depth briefing to members of the Conservative Party on its findings as well as best practices when dealing with FIMI.

GAC has also offered the following training courses on FI for its employees:

- International Security and Terrorism (IA0169): Jan 31-Feb 3, 2023/ Feb 28-Mar 3, 2023 included a panel discussion “Foreign Interference & Threats to Democracy”
- China: Advanced Study of a Global Power (IA0189): Jan 17-19, Feb 7-9, 2023; Jan 30-31, 2024; Feb 1-2, 2024, May 25-27, 2024 - Q&As between participants and instructor touched on Chinese political interference, IP theft, and espionage in Canada

*(8) (PCO and/or Public Safety) For each interdepartmental committee related to foreign interference, listing of meeting frequency (or meeting dates if ad hoc) and description of what documentation is routinely produced for each committee (e.g. agendas, list of participants, annotated agendas for the Chair, meeting summaries, minutes).*

- NIL

*(9) A listing of all engagements at divisional Director level (or equivalent) or above with representatives of diaspora groups where the subject of foreign interference was discussed. Listing should include dates, names of departmental and diaspora representatives and summary of discussion.*

As the mandate of the department is international, GAC does not engage with diaspora communities in Canada to discuss foreign interference in Canada. Any engagement with diaspora groups or representatives of diasporas within Canada is to advance and inform our foreign policy priorities. Below is a listing of the meetings at senior levels where incidental issues related to FI in Canada have been raised.

In particular, the China desk has maintained ongoing annual human rights consultations with the Canadian Coalition on Human Rights in China (CCHRC) at Director General and Director level since before 2018.

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People's Republic of China	Workshop on foreign interference with China	May 31, 2023	Greater China Political Division-hosted event for Public Safety (PS) ADM Sébastien Aubertin-Giguère and RCMP.	CCHRC Membership	CCHRC members share with PS and RCMP concerns on PRC intimidation, harassment, and propaganda targeting civil society and diaspora in Canada
	CCHRC Membership Meeting	September 20-22, 2023	Canadian Ambassador to China, Jennifer May	CCHRC Membership	Ambassador May heard from Canadian civil society groups on issues of concern. She held three sessions: Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver.
	CCHRC Membership Meeting	October 7, 2022	Ambassador-designate to China Jennifer May, prior to start of posting	CCHRC Membership	Ambassador-designate May heard from Canadian civil society groups on issues of concern, in a virtual session, from Ottawa.
Iran	Meeting on issues related to Iran	May 16, 2018 and January 2019	Minister of Foreign Affairs (May 2018: Chrystia Freeland; January 2018: François-	Provided in classified annex.	Concerning detentions by the Iranian government.

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	Meeting on issues related to Iran	December 4, 2018 and April 29, 2019	Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs Rob Oliphant	Provided in classified annex.	Concerning detentions by the Iranian government.
	Meeting on issues related to Iran	August 2019	Minister of Foreign Affairs François-Philippe Champagne	Provided in classified annex.	Concerning detentions by the Iranian government.
	Meeting on issues related to Iran	September 24, 2023	Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs Rob Oliphant	Provided in classified annex.	Discuss concerns of the Iranian diaspora community with regard to the IRGC, advocacy for IRGC terrorist listing
	Meeting on issues related to Iran	December 2023	Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly	Provided in classified annex.	Topics included: PS752, listing IRGC
India	Meeting with Gurdwara council representatives	May 17, 2023	Assistant Deputy Minister of the Asia Pacific Branch Weldon Epp	Representatives from a number of Gurdwara councils	The focus was GAC's approach to engagement with India on issues such as human rights. Foreign interference was not a specific agenda item, but was known to be an issue of interest for participants.



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(10) *Any relevant updates related to the information provided in the Stage 1 Institutional Report.*

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