



Consultation Paper on the Policy Aspect of the Public Inquiry into Foreign Interference

In accordance with clause (a)(i)(E) of its mandate – which addresses the policy aspect of its work – the Commission is charged with recommending any means Commissioner Marie-Josée Hogue may deem appropriate to better protect federal democratic processes from foreign interference.

To help the Commissioner fulfill the policy aspect of her mandate, the Commission will organize a series of public consultations on general policy issues.

These consultations will take place from October 21 to 25, after the factual hearings. They will take the form of roundtables designed to stimulate discussion and exchange of ideas on how best to strengthen the protection of federal democratic processes against foreign interference. Organized by the Commission's Research Council, the roundtables will bring together experts from different backgrounds in a format that will enable them to discuss relevant issues in the context of the Commission's mandate.

The planning and organization of the round tables is twofold: identifying the topics to be discussed and drawing up a list of those most likely to make a useful contribution.

At this stage, the Commission has not reached any conclusions on any aspect of its work.

The Research Council seeks the views of Participants on each of the following questions:

1. What topics, themes or issues should the Commission address at these policy roundtables?
2. Do you have any suggestions as to whom the Commission should invite to participate in the roundtables?

The Research Council will also be seeking input from external experts with expertise or experience relevant to the issues related to the Commission's mandate. To support their reflections, the Council will send them a preparatory document, appended to the present consultation paper.

The Commission welcomes any other comments or suggestions from Participants that would optimize the benefits and outcomes of the policy phase of the Inquiry.