

Threat Reduction Measure Conducted in 2019

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SUMMARY

1. Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) was granted authority to undertake threat reduction measures (TRMs) under the *Anti-terrorism Act, 2015*. A TRM is an operational measure undertaken by CSIS, whose principal purpose is to reduce a threat to the security of Canada as opposed to collecting information and intelligence to investigate such threats.
2. The *CSIS Act* imposes several conditions on CSIS TRMs. It first requires that there be reasonable grounds to believe that a particular activity constitutes a threat to the security of Canada and that the measure is reasonably expected to reduce the threat before CSIS may undertake a TRM. It demands that the proposed measure be reasonable and proportional in the circumstances and that CSIS consult with appropriate federal entities prior to undertaking a TRM. The TRM must be conducted pursuant to a warrant issued by the Federal Court where the Service's activity would limit a Charter right or freedom or would otherwise be contrary to Canadian law. The *CSIS Act* also forbids TRMs that fall within six prohibited conducts (e.g. causing bodily harm or death to an individual; violating a person's sexual integrity; obstructing justice).
3. When appropriate, CSIS takes action to reduce a threat to Canada's national security when other departments aren't in a position to do so. Not restricted to foreign interference, CSIS can use the TRM authority to address threats that arise under s.2 of the *CSIS Act*.
4. Government of Pakistan (GoP) officials in Canada attempted to clandestinely influence Canadian federal politics with the aim of furthering GoP's interests in Canada.
5. The Government of Canada (GC) conducted a TRM in advance of the 2019 Canadian federal election (GE43), to reduce the foreign interference (FI) threat posed by the GoP. The situation was monitored and assessed to have effectively reduced the threat of interference.