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# CSE INTELLIGENCE ACQUISITION AND USE

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# CSE ACT: One Mandate with Five Aspects

## S.16 - FOREIGN SIGNALS INTELLIGENCE



### COLLECT FOREIGN SIGNALS INTELLIGENCE

Use advanced techniques to access foreign networks to collect intelligence in support of government priorities

## S.17 - CYBERSECURITY AND INFORMATION ASSURANCE



### DEFEND GOVERNMENT OF CANADA NETWORKS

### DEFEND SYSTEMS OF IMPORTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

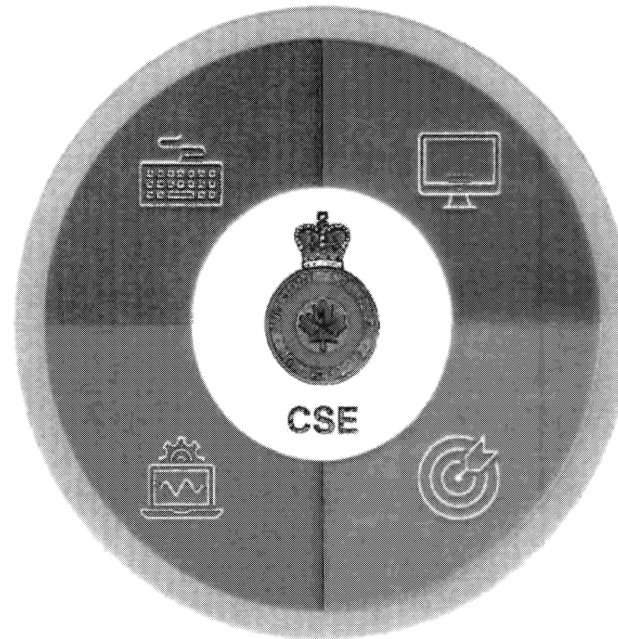
Provide advice and guidance, and upon request deploy CSE's cybersecurity tools on non-government systems

## S.20 - ASSISTANCE TO FEDERAL SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE PARTNERS



### ASSIST THE CANADIAN SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

Use advanced techniques to provide technical and operational assistance to federal law enforcement and security agencies, the Canadian Forces, and the Department of National Defence



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## S.18-19 - FOREIGN CYBER OPERATIONS



### DEFENSIVE CYBER OPERATIONS

Disrupting foreign cyber threats targeting important Canadian networks

### ACTIVE CYBER OPERATIONS

Conduct activities to support International Affairs, Defence, and Security

**MANDATE (S.15) :** National signals intelligence agency for foreign intelligence and technical authority for cybersecurity and information assurance



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# CURRENT MINISTERIAL AUTHORIZATIONS

## S.16 FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATIONS

## S.18/19 FOREIGN CYBER OPERATIONS AUTHORIZATIONS

- Defensive Cyber Operations
- Active Cyber Operations

## S.17 CYBERSECURITY AUTHORIZATIONS

- Federal Infrastructures
- Non-Federal Infrastructures



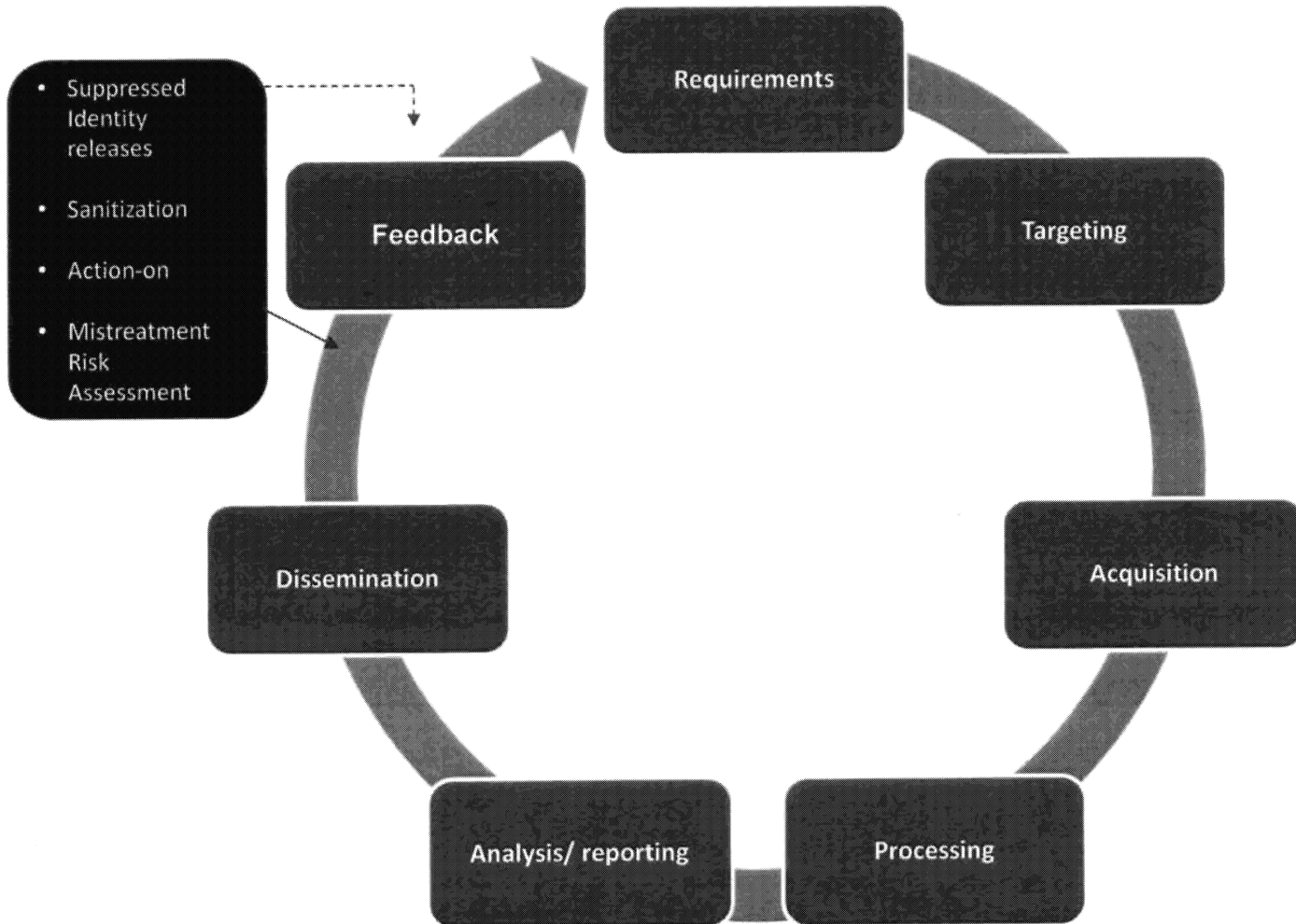
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# IDENTITY SAFEGUARDING AND POST-PUBLICATION INFORMATION SHARING



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# IDENTITY RELEASES, SANITIZATION, ACTION-ON & MRA

## Suppressed Identity Information Releases

CSE is the authority on releasing identity information suppressed in SIGINT reports. Requestor must demonstrate authority to collect personal information and provide an operational justification, specific to the report.

## Sanitization

Editing SI material to protect sensitive sources. The aim of sanitization is to permit wider dissemination of information outside of SI channels. Requestor must provide details about the final recipient of the information, the intended purpose of the information sharing and at what classification level the material will be shared.

## Action-on

Any action, or decision to act, taken on the basis of SI information and Action-on usually involves a sanitization and takes into account the intended use of the information (e.g., legal implications).

## Mistreatment Risk Assessment (MRA)

CSE is subject to Avoiding Complicity in Mistreatment by Foreign Entities Act (ACMFEA) and is responsible for evaluating the risk of mistreatment prior to sharing information with a foreign entity. This assessment is conducted for any sanitization/action-on requests to share information about individuals with a foreign entity.

### RISKS

1. Loss of source or method/ability to operate
2. Possible false confirmation (e.g., circular reporting)
3. Inability to verify the intelligence is as intended
4. Human rights violations
5. Deterioration of international relations
6. Harm to partnerships

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