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Brenda Lucki
 Commissioner
 Royal Canadian Mounted Police
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Dear Commissioner Lucki:

Pursuant to section 5 of the *Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Act*, you will find attached my written Direction with respect to Canada's Intelligence Priorities for 2021-2023. These priorities are intended to guide Canadian intelligence collection and assessment efforts, and ensure that limited resources align with broader Government objectives.

This Ministerial Direction will replace the previous Ministerial Direction on Intelligence Priorities. It is consistent with the duties of RCMP officers as described in section 18 of the *RCMP Act*, but does not constitute direction on specific investigative matters.

A copy of this letter and the enclosed Ministerial Direction will be sent to the Chair of the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable Bill Blair, P.C., M.P.

Enclosure:(1)

c.c.: Michelaine Lahale
 Chairperson
 Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the Royal Canadian
 Mounted Police

The National Security and Intelligence Advisor to the Prime Minister

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To: Commissioner Lucki, Royal Canadian Mounted Police

**Ministerial Directive to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on the Government of Canada
Intelligence Priorities for 2021-2023**

PREAMBLE

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Pursuant to the authority of the *RCMP Act* and RCMP Regulations (2014), this Ministerial Direction (MD) from the Minister of Public Safety provides direction on the implementation of the Priorities to the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

This MD outlines my expectations for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) as it implements these Priorities. This MD remains in effect until a new MD on the implementation of the Priorities is issued.

While the Government cannot provide direction to law enforcement on operational matters, the MD provides strategic direction to the RCMP on the prioritization of its national security and criminal intelligence activities.

INTELLIGENCE PRIORITIES

The following are the Government of Canada's Intelligence Priorities for 2021-2023:

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This MD will inform the development or revision of implementation plans or other internal planning documents to align organizational intelligence production efforts to the Priorities for the 2021-2023 intelligence cycle, which are defined in the 2021-2023 Intelligence Priorities Strategic Guidance (Annex A) and further scoped by the intelligence requirements produced in accordance with the Performance Management Framework and Results and Delivery Strategy (Annex B).

RCMP SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA INTELLIGENCE PRIORITIES

RCMP activities in support of the Government of Canada Intelligence Priorities for 2021-2023 must respect the rule of law, including, where applicable, the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, the *Privacy Act*, as well as any other relevant legislation.

RCMP activities in support of the Priorities must also be conducted in accordance with your mandate under the authority of the *RCMP Act* and RCMP Regulations (2014). While the RCMP may also, where consistent with your mandate, conduct intelligence activities outside of the scope of the Priorities, such activities do not fall within the scope of this MD. These activities would also not be managed under the Performance Management Framework and Results and Delivery Strategy (Annex B) and should not be included in the data or information provided to comply with the requirements in Annex B (e.g. the National Intelligence Expenditure Review).

The RCMP must also comply with all other relevant Ministerial Directions, including the direction issued pursuant to the *Avoiding Complicity in Mistreatment by Foreign Entities Act*. Furthermore, I expect that the RCMP will cooperate with and support the activities of review bodies, including the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians and the National Security and Intelligence Review Agency.

URGENT AUTHORITIES

As the Minister for Public Safety, I may ask you to adjust resources to respond to new or emerging issues not captured in the Priorities. In such cases, I may direct you in writing and request that you coordinate with Privy Council Office (PCO) to implement my direction and ensure that the Priorities are updated. I also understand that the Government of Canada intelligence community, in accordance with the process in the Performance Management and Results and Delivery Framework (Annex B), may take appropriate action in exigent or urgent circumstances through existing coordination bodies, particularly the Assistant Deputy Minister Intelligence Committee, to respond to issues not captured in the priorities; I expect to be informed of such actions in a timely manner.

PROVISION OF PERFORMANCE AND EXPENDITURE DATA

I also direct the RCMP to participate in discussions coordinated by PCO among intelligence collectors, assessment agencies and intelligence consumers to prioritize the intelligence requirements associated with the Government's Intelligence Priorities for 2021-2023 in accordance with the Performance Management and Results and Delivery Framework (Annex B).

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As outlined in Annex B, I expect that the RCMP will continue to participate in the National Intelligence Expenditure Review (NIER) and to support the performance measurement activities related to the 2021-2023 Intelligence Priorities.

ACCOUNTABILITY

In the course of implementing these intelligence priorities, the RCMP must immediately inform me when there is a potential that a RCMP collection activity taken in support of the Priorities could have an adverse effect on Canadian interests or constitute a matter of potential public controversy.