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## **CSIS-RCMP Alert Notice to Canadian Law Enforcement Agencies on Engagement with Foreign Diplomatic Missions in Canada**

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) recognize that Canadian law enforcement agencies are in a unique position in Canadian society, performing a key role in upholding the rule of law and protecting Canadian citizens and residents from harm. Public trust in law enforcement agencies and the officers who perform this role are essential to the social cohesion of Canadian communities. In the fulfillment of these duties, we recognize that contact with foreign law enforcement counterparts may be critical to meeting 21<sup>st</sup> century threats. However, some countries seek to take advantage of these relationships in a way that puts Canadians at risk.

The threat of hostile activity by state actors represents a significant danger to Canada's prosperity and sovereignty. State actors seek information regarding Canadian institutions, policies, direction and decision-making, which may be used to their advantage. Hostile state actors may also interfere in Canadian society, undermine our institutions, and threaten our democratic system and our citizens. These foreign interference activities erode our sovereignty and undercut our societal norms.

We are aware that some foreign diplomatic missions in Canada have Police Liaison Offices (PLOs) with personnel posted here to facilitate exchanges on police-related matters of interest to them. Police Liaison Officers representing the People's Republic of China (PRC) Ministry of Public Security (MPS) and other PRC diplomats in Canada in particular are known to have contacted multiple law enforcement agencies across Canada in an effort to develop relationships and facilitate the exchange of information. These exchanges can be exploited clandestinely to gather information on individuals and groups of interest to the PRC such as members of the diaspora community, and thereby facilitate foreign interference.

The RCMP and CSIS wish to inform law enforcement agencies across Canada that, as per official agreements and protocols, all official business related to law enforcement coordination and assistance (besides emergency services) from foreign PLOs, must be conducted via requests to INTERPOL Ottawa or the RCMP International Liaison and Deployment Centre (ILDC).

We seek your assistance in coordinating responses to inquiries your officers might receive from representatives of the PRC. Should PRC foreign diplomats or Police Liaison/MPS Officers approach your agency to request information or to participate in any formal or informal exchange, you are asked to decline such requests and refer them to the RCMP ILDC email address: (RCMP.international-international.GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) or INTERPOL OTTAWA email address: (Interpolottawa@rcmp-grc.gc.ca).

Law enforcement agencies are also asked to report such requests to the RCMP ILDC for collation. Responses may then be coordinated at the federal level to prevent both the loss of sensitive information and the pursuit of foreign interference by hostile state actors.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please reach out to your regional CSIS or RCMP contacts.