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Security and Intelligence Threats to Elections Task Force (SITE TF)
Record of Decision
2023 05 18 (1400 – 1500)

Participants: GAC, RCMP, CSE, CSIS, PCO (S&I, DI, and FI Task Force)

Item	Summary	Action Items
Welcome & Housekeeping	Record of Decision (RoD) from 2023 04 20 SITE TF meeting approved. SITE Chair highlighted that due to the By-Elections, SITE would put efforts on the development of a TTX on hold.	SITE Chair will send out final 2023 04 20 RoD to SITE members. SITE Chair confirmed that the Tech Table will be put on hold until post election.
By-Elections and Expectations	PCO advised that there is urgent direction from the Prime Minister (PM) to stand up the SITE TF to monitor and report on FI threats to the election on June 19th, 2023. PCO noted that the focus is on Foreign interference in Democratic Institutions. SITE TF activities will include: - Weekly SITE meetings; - Daily SITREPs; - Political party briefings, if required; DM Committee on Intelligence Response (DM CIR) will be the body to whom SITE reports. Marie Helen CHAYER will be the PCO contact related to political party briefings. PCO communicated that at the conclusion of the By-elections, there will be requirement of a SITE classified and unclassified report (which will be made public). The Chair discussed expectations of SITE members: - SITE members will attend all SITE TF meetings; - SITE members departmental injects into the SITREPs will be provided to CSIS by no later than 2:00pm daily (including a Nil reply);	PCO will confirm whether the focus is on FI matters or if there is equal interest in Counter Terrorism (CT), as this will significantly impact the requirements within the Service and the RCMP. DD: 2023 05 19 EOD PCO will confirm the timeline for which the SITE classified and unclassified report is required following the bi-elections. SITE members, the first SITREP deadline is 2023 05 23 by 2pm. Provide information to: - -

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	- SITE daily SITREPs will be completed and distributed daily beginning on Wednesday May 24, 2023; - SITE members will be available to attend briefings, as required. - When briefing on new intelligence or information, please provide the report number for reference. The chair has been asked to attend DG (DG committee, to be determined (tbd)), ADM (ADM ESCC), and may be asked to attend DM (DM CIR) level weekly meetings to represent SITE. Should additional information or support from other SITE members be required, they will be contacted. PCO noted that the first ADM ESCC meeting is scheduled for 2023 05 19 at 10am.	SITE members will provide contact information should the Chair require immediate feedback when the Chair is providing briefings to the DG and ADM level.
Composition of SITE and Roles	GAC is currently rethinking their contribution to SITE in order to adequately resource based on the most recent federal budget and the already existing requirements with respect to the support to Ukraine and Indo-Pacific portfolio. Historically, GAC would down other tools to focus on the elections, in this instance GAC is proposing providing ad hoc reporting when their expertise is required. Traditionally, the year leading up to the elections open source monitoring would take place to determine a baseline of activities. In this by-election a baseline has not been obtained and therefore, GAC would leverage their access to open source analysis software to provide relevant reporting. The Chair turned the floor to the other SITE members to speak on the role of GAC. PCO advised that PM was clear that SITE is expected to include the four (4) SITE departments. PCO and other SITE members voiced that the information GAC provided on previous elections, such as the analysis and information uncovered by RRM, was invaluable. There is and expectation to receive the same insight and expertise. PCO acknowledges the resourcing struggles and asked GAC to officially express	GAC will consult further and voice resourcing requirements as necessary.

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	their need for resources so that the NSIA can reassess the distribution of resources.	
SITE Terms of Reference	Further to the last meeting, where SITE members discussed updating the TORs to reflect the VE inclusion, and a decision to codify PCO's role in the SITE TF, an amended version has been circulated. SITE members were overall satisfied with the language. PCO will provide information on guiding principles to be included in the TOR. The Chair advised members that the CSIS ADM required a finalised TOR by 2023 05 19.	PCO will provide the Chair with guiding principles to complete the TOR. DD: 2023 05 19 noon. Further to GAC's comments the Chair will remove the reference to ITAC in the last line of TOR. Following the meeting, additional information was provided by PCO with regards to the expectations of monitoring through SITE IMVE threats. The TOR will be amended to reflect this.
SITE Threat Update	CSIS has been working hard to update and incorporate comments in the SITE TF Threat Update. The SITE TF Threat Update will be circulated including a version with SITE members comments. CSIS DM has directed the Chair to complete and disseminate the SITE TF Threat Update by 2023 05 19.	SITE members will review and provide the Chair with secretarial support and any final comments. Note that a Nil response will be considered as support. DD: 2023 05 19 COB
Threat Updates / Roundtable	CSIS provided their assessment on FI targeting of the by-elections. The baseline assessment is that there is a low risk of FI in the four ridings for the PRC, Russia, Pakistan, Iran RCMP discussed the recent NSIRA review, specifically with respect to the RCMP's role in SITE. NSIRA was mainly interested in the flow of information, i.e. when, where and what was done with the information shared by SITE. GAC advised that FI reporting regarding Police stations will be circulated a bit more broadly	

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	including foreign partners of countries that are aligned with Canada's views and affected by the same issue(s).	

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