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## MEASURES TO COMBAT FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN ELECTIONS: 10-YEAR REVIEW

### Amendments to the Canada Elections Act (CEA)

(Measures not directly related to FI)

**2011:** *Keeping Canada's Economy and Jobs Growing Act* – Phased out quarterly allowances to registered parties (per-vote subsidy).

**2014:** *Fair Elections Act* – Included new regulations regarding “Voter Contact Calling Services” and new prohibition related to impersonation.

### Establishment of Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM)

- G7 Summit, Charlevoix

### Elections Modernization Act Royal Assent

- Political financing tightened
- Increased ad transparency
- New powers for the CCE
- New prohibitions, including the unauthorized use of computers

### Amendments to the CEA

*An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (political financing)* - Enact an advertising and reporting regime for fundraising events attended by Ministers, party leaders or leadership contestant.

### Minister LeBlanc announces Canada's support for Paris Call for Trust and Security in Cyberspace (Paris Call)

- Nine principles focused on enhancing cyber hygiene, and protecting Canada against foreign interference.

### Paris Call Workshops

#### Six Workshops:

- Focused on Improving multi-stakeholder information sharing, defining foreign interference, COVID-19 contingencies, mitigation and response. Countering Interference in election infrastructure, and empowering citizens.

### Critical Elections Incident Public Protocol

- Release of CEIPP evaluation by former senior civil servant, James Judd
- Found overall that the CEIPP was implemented successfully.

### Budget 2022

- Provided \$2 million ongoing for the Privy Council Office to coordinate, develop, and implement government-wide measures designed to combat disinformation
- Provided 13.4 million over 5 years to support the expansion of the RRM.

### Ongoing Projects

- Commissioned research reports to paint composite picture of mis-disinformation in Canada
- Approved funding for the launch of the Canadian Digital Media Research Network (pending Treasury Board approval)
- Continued engagement with relevant industry stakeholders
- Independent evaluation of CEIPP, former Deputy Minister, Morris Rosenberg

2011-2015

2016-2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022

### Engagement with CSE

#### Commissioning of Threat Report Services offered to Political Parties:

- Provided briefing to representatives of all attending registered parties on their public threat environment.

#### Provided Services to Elections Canada

- Offered briefings on threat reports.

### Government of Canada Announces Protecting Democracy Plan

#### Four Pillars:

- **Enhancing Citizen Preparedness**
  - Critical Election Incident Public Protocol
  - Launching of Digital Citizen Initiative
- **Improving Organizational Readiness**
  - Enhance coordination amongst government departments
- **Combatting Foreign Interference**
  - SITE Task Force, G7 RRM
- **Expecting Social Media Platforms to Act**
  - Canada Declaration on Electoral Integrity Online

### Budget 2019

#### Canadian Heritage:

- \$19.4 million over 4 years

#### Community Security Establishment:

- \$4.2 million over 3 years

#### Global Affairs Canada:

- \$2.1 million over 3 years

### First of Many Public Reports

#### Community Security Establishment:

- Lays out five strategic plan on mitigating national-level risks.

### Updating Protecting Democracy Plan

**New pillar with focus on:**  
*Building a Healthy Information Ecosystem Online*

### Published Reports

- **CSIS Report**
  - Foreign Interference Threats to Canada's Democratic Process
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  - Foreign Interference and You
- **CSE Report**
  - Cyber Threats to Canada's Democratic Process
- **Compendium on Countering Election Interference**
  - Paris Call Community on Countering Election Interference Report
  - Published series of best practices

### Global Affairs Canada RRM

- G7 Foreign and Development Ministers Meeting in London
- Commitment to produce annual thematic reports.
- 2021 G7 RRM Annual Report Release