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Subject: RE: For Decision: Interdepartmental General Election Taskforce
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I would like to have a second discussion on this. To be honest, I have concerns. You are the centre for the GE management, and you would most likely be one of the highest ranking people in that room. I am imagining that the IDTF would likely be at Staff Sergeant or Inspector level. And there is a note that they would consider multiple shifts for people with national programs. It does seem more like a PM06 role and I worry that we are delegating up given the lack of redundancy.

Let's discuss at our next bilat to sound out options.

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Subject: For Decision: Interdepartmental General Election Taskforce

Action required : Decision

- **OCCE participation in Interdepartmental General Election Taskforce**
- **Participant for OCCE at the Interdepartmental General Election Taskforce**

Due date: when possible

OCCE for my tracker

Carmen,

This is a follow up to a discussion yesterday on an Interdepartmental GE Taskforce (IDTF) on March 4, 2024.

As you know, **OCCE** was the OCCE rep on the IDTF organized by EC for the recent by-elections. Other participants included ITAC, CSIS, CSE, GAC, GoC Operational Center, RCMP Federal Police National Security, RCMP Foreign Actor Initiative, Ottawa Police Service, Ontario Provincial Police and Gatineau Police Service (also representing the Sûreté du Québec).

The purpose of the meeting was to assess the need to implement an IDTF during the period leading up to a federal general election to ensure proper flow and coordination of information in the event of a significant security-related event. Various simulation scenarios were used as a backdrop. Given our critical role in the election infrastructure, it appears our participation

provided added value, as a number of participants lacked a clear understanding of our mandate.

Based on current status, it appears the IDTF may be established from advance polling to polling day, which would require in-person presence at the location established throughout the period. This is contingent on the location (RCMP facility) allowing for the participants to have access to their respective networks and continue their daily responsibilities in the absence of a security-related event.

As such, the OCCE must determine whether it will participate in the IDTF and if so, who will represent the OCCE. Based on the March 4, 2024 meeting, the OCCE participant would require a TS clearance. Other considerations include :

- clear understanding of the scope of application of the CEA and the ability to communicate those parameters to the stakeholders (if the need arise);
- visibility on roles and responsibilities within the context of CEA enforcement activities;
- certain level of decision-making authority.

Balancing the need for coordination with relevant stakeholders, while maintaining the confidentiality of our enforcement work and independence, will be challenging, but an important responsibility.

The OCCE has a limited pool of enforcement resources that can undertake this role, in particular when a number of experienced investigators are already designated as GE coordinators – the most critical function for the OCCE during a general election **OCCE** **OCCE** Having these resources shift to the GE coordinator roll reduces significantly the number of investigators available to respond to the “regular” GE volume of complainants, while also maintaining capacity to respond to a situation in which a major case management protocol may need to be triggered in parallel (i.e., **OCCE**). For a number of reasons, I do not recommend designating a contractor for the IDTF. On a final note, given the CSIS and CSE participants, among others, the possibility of intelligence being shared among IDTF participants remains, which may create a challenge if those directly involved in investigations attend. The Director of Investigations and Operations could be considered for the role, but direct oversight of operations would be preferable, and would limit the risk of enforcement activities being compromised with intelligence.

Given the above, I recommend that the OCCE does indicate a willingness to participate in the IDTF, and for the time being, I be designated as the representative for the OCCE. However, this should be reassessed as we get closer to the GE and as roles/responsibilities/expectations for the IDTF are more clearly defined. If another viable option is identified, it should be considered.

I've added this item to the 45GE Workplan so that we don't lose track of the need to forecast resources for this activity.

Should you wish additional information, I've enclosed the memo produced by **OCCE** outlining his observations from his experience as the OCCE rep on the IDTF for the recent by-elections (March 4, 2024). Further, I note below that **Elections Canada** (EC Security) is consolidating notes and building an action report, we have yet to receive this but will share for information once we receive it.

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Subject: FW: Time Sensitive: March 4th Election Monitoring, and TTX

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Subject: RE: Time Sensitive: March 4th Election Monitoring, and TTX

Hello Everyone,

Thank you again for your participation yesterday, and thank you for your feedback! The consensus seemed to be that you found it useful. Below are the next steps.

My team is consolidating notes and building an after action report, which we will share. We are keeping it concise to make is easier for you to share with your management teams.

RCMP will be discussing with **RCMP** team where the best location would be. **RCMP** will be bringing forward two important components:

- a. There will need to be TS capabilities in case a national security issue arises; and,
- b. We seemed to have the right level of decision makers in the room. However, in order to maintain that level of decision making for a 2-4 week commitment (likely 2), people would

need to be able to keep working on their daily activities from whatever location was chosen. Therefore, equipment capabilities need to be sorted out.

Once RCMP's team reviews this, we will ask each of you to consider who should be RCMP cleared from your team, and what hours you would likely cover. For example, those only concerned with the NCR might only do 9-5 shifts. Whereas, those of us with national coverage might need shifts to cover opening hours from the east to the west coast.

If you have any further feedback on the TTX, or if want to also share an after action report please feel free.

I also attached a digital copy of the TTX in case you think other people on your team would like to offer comments.

Warm Wishes

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Attached you will find the welcome package with time, location, logistics, and agenda. There is also the most up to date contact list for the group.

The scenario has been approved. We will be sending it to the contact you provided for their comments shortly.

Thank you everyone and we are looking forward to seeing all of you Monday!

Warm Wishes

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