

Minister of Public Safety



Ministre de la Sécurité publique

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Commissioner Bob Paulson
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
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73 Leikin Drive
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R2

Dear Commissioner:

As you know, with the coming into force of the *Anti-Terrorism Act, 2015*, law enforcement agencies will have enhanced *Criminal Code* tools to prevent terrorist attacks. These improvements are imperative to ensuring the safety and security of all Canadians against the increasingly complex threat of terrorism.

The Government remains concerned about the number of radicalized individuals leaving their countries of residence globally to participate in foreign conflicts. The need to address the threat these extremist travelers pose, both to their home countries and to the states to which they travel, has become more pressing with their participation in conflicts in places such as Syria and Iraq. Clearly, the terrorism environment is volatile and will continue to pose a significant threat to our nation's security, and that of our international allies, for the foreseeable future. Protecting the safety and security of Canadians remains our highest priority.

Following Royal Assent to the *Anti-terrorism Act, 2015*, on June 18, 2015, the Attorney General of Canada issued the enclosed directive to the Director of the Public Prosecution Service of Canada (PPSC). This directive calls on the Director to ensure the PPSC works effectively with partners in the course of terrorism-related cases. In particular, the PPSC will engage in ongoing communication with investigative agencies and provide timely consent for applications for recognizance with conditions and terrorism peace bonds.

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I am aware that cooperation between the RCMP and the PPSC is long-standing and positive. I am confident that this close cooperation will continue, given the mutual commitment to an effective relationship, and that similarly productive relationships will continue at the provincial level. With support from Attorneys General, I trust the *Criminal Code* provisions in the *Anti-terrorism Act, 2015*, will be appropriately used to combat the threat of terrorism.

Thank you for your continuing support in implementing the *Anti-terrorism Act, 2015*.

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Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

Enclosure: 1

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS ACT

Directive

Whereas terrorist activities pose a threat to the safety and security of Canadians and Canadian society;

Whereas the *Anti-Terrorism Act, 2015* strengthening the legal regime to combat terrorism has come into force;

Whereas federal jurisdiction in respect of terrorism proceedings under the *Criminal Code* is concurrent with that of the provinces;

Whereas the mandate of the Director of Public Prosecutions includes providing advice to investigative agencies during investigations where requested and initiating and conducting prosecutions within federal jurisdiction;




Whereas the Attorney General's consent is required under the *Criminal Code* to apply for a terrorism peace bond or recognizance with conditions and to initiate a terrorism prosecution;

Whereas the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Deputy Directors of Public Prosecutions have the power to consent on my behalf under the *Criminal Code*;

Whereas it is generally in the public interest to proceed with the prosecution of a terrorism case where there is a reasonable prospect of conviction on the evidence;

Whereas I have consulted with the Director of Public Prosecutions under subsection 10(2) of the *Director of Public Prosecutions Act*;

I hereby direct the Director of Public Prosecutions as follows:

- (a) The Director shall ensure that terrorism cases are identified and assigned at the earliest opportunity. 
- (b) The Director shall ensure that the Public Prosecution Service of Canada engages in ongoing communications with investigative agencies regarding their operational priorities in respect of terrorism investigations. 
- (c) The Director shall ensure that the Public Prosecution Service of Canada provides investigative agencies conducting terrorism investigations with timely legal advice and, where appropriate, timely consent for applications for recognizances with conditions and terrorism peace bonds and for the initiation of prosecutions. 
- (d) The Director shall ensure that provincial prosecution services are notified of terrorism cases within their respective territory and shall coordinate the efforts of the Public Prosecution Service of Canada with those of the provincial prosecution services as appropriate.

Ottawa, June 18, 2015

THE HONOURABLE PETER MACKAY
Attorney General of Canada