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MINISTERIAL DIRECTION FOR OPERATIONS
Section 6(2) of the CSIS Act

The Government and the people of Canada expect a high level of performance by the Service in its discharge of responsibilities under the Canadian Security Intelligence Service Act (*CSIS Act*). It is also expected that the Service will perform its duties and functions with due regard for the rule of law and respect for the rights and liberties as guaranteed under the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

Pursuant to section 6 of the *CSIS Act*, I have issued the following direction to assist the Service in meeting these expectations.

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

The following four fundamental principles will serve to guide and inform all CSIS operations.

- The rule of law must be observed.
- The investigative means must be proportional to the gravity and imminence of the threat.
- The greater the risk associated with a particular activity, the higher the authority required for approval.
- With regard to the use of intrusive investigative techniques:
 - The need for their use must be weighed against possible damage to civil liberties and to Canadian fundamental institutions, such as political, religious, post-secondary and media establishments.
 - The least intrusive techniques must be used first, except in emergency situations or where less intrusive investigative techniques would not be proportionate to the gravity and imminence of the threat.
 - The level of authority required for approving their use must be commensurate with their intrusiveness and with any risks associated to using them.

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**of the Access to Information Act
de la Loi sur l'accès à l'information**

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ANNEX A

GENERAL

The Service will focus its collection, analysis and advisory activities in accordance with the Direction on National Requirements or any other directions that may be issued.

The privacy of individuals will not be infringed unless and only to the extent that there are valid reasons to do so.

The Service will ensure adequate and consistent handling of information about Canadians when collecting, storing, sharing and disclosing information.

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ANNEX B

HUMAN SOURCE PROGRAM

In carrying out its mandated activities, the Service obtains information and assistance from persons with whom the Service maintains a confidential relationship.

In addition to the fundamental principles established at the outset of this Direction, the Service shall use and manage its human sources in accordance with the following guidelines:

- The use of human sources will be reasonable and necessary to investigate activities authorized by the *CSIS Act*.
- Human sources will carry out their tasks on behalf of the Service without engaging in illegal activities.
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- Human sources are to be centrally managed, so as to protect their personal safety and the security of the Service's operations.
- Human sources will be managed ethically and fairly. The Service will ensure that an informal dispute resolution mechanism is in place to address complaints from sources.

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Accountability

The Service will maintain a review system of active human source relationships to ensure compliance with the guidelines and principles enunciated in this direction and to assess their continuing suitability and relevance to the National Requirements of the Government of Canada and the duties and functions of the Service.

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ANNEX C

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE CANADA

CSIS operational activities outside Canada will:

- hold potential benefit for Canada and its national interests;
- be considered for their impact on Canadian foreign policy interests and objectives; and,

Operational assistance occurs when activities are undertaken by the Service on behalf of a requesting organization or vice versa.

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ANNEX D

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN ARRANGEMENTS

The Director will manage domestic and foreign arrangements subject to any conditions imposed by the Minister and include the status of the arrangements in the Annual Report.

Arrangements, whether in writing or otherwise, will clearly establish their purpose and obligations, including the application of privacy and access to information legislation; and indicate the means of periodic evaluation or audit, as well as the provisions for cancellation.

Foreign Arrangements

CSIS is the lead agency for liaising and cooperating with foreign security or intelligence organizations and international organizations of states on matters relating to threats to the security of Canada and security assessments as defined in the *CSIS Act*. The following provides more detailed guidelines in this regard: