

**MINISTERIAL DIRECTION TO THE DIRECTOR
CANADIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE:
INFORMATION SHARING WITH FOREIGN AGENCIES**

This Ministerial Direction provides guidance to the Director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), pursuant to subsection 6(2) of the *CSIS Act*, on information-sharing with foreign agencies.

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It is widely recognized that the international sharing of information is a vital component to safeguarding Canada's national security as well as an obligation of all states, pursuant to resolutions and conventions of the United Nations and other multilateral institutions, engaged in the struggle against terrorism. As such, pursuant to section 17 of the *CSIS Act* and in accordance with existing Ministerial Directives, CSIS may be authorized to enter into formal information sharing arrangements with foreign agencies, including those that are generally recognized as having poor human rights records.

That said, the government is steadfast in its abhorrence of and opposition to the use of torture by any state or agency for any purpose whatsoever, including the collection of intelligence. As such, and so as to avoid any complicity in the use of torture, CSIS is directed to:

- not knowingly rely upon information which is derived from the use of torture, and to have in place reasonable and appropriate measures to identify information that is likely to have been derived from the use of torture;
- take all other reasonable measures to reduce the risk that any action on the part of the Service might promote or condone, or be seen to promote or condone the use of torture, including, where appropriate, the seeking of assurances when sharing information with foreign agencies.

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