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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE**

**Government of Canada Intelligence Priorities for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-2012**

(For Approval and Signature)

**Summary**

- This Memorandum seeks your approval of the attached Ministerial Directive on CSEC Intelligence Priorities for FY 2011-2012.
- This request follows the approval of the Cabinet Confidence  
Cabinet Confidence
- The Government of Canada relies on intelligence to support fundamental policy objectives, and the attached Ministerial Directive will guide CSEC's foreign intelligence activities in accordance with its legislation and capabilities.
- The Ministerial Directive also enables the CSE Commissioner to review effectively CSEC operations for lawfulness.

**Background**

- Cabinet Confidence  
Cabinet Confidence The priorities allow relevant government departments and agencies to focus their limited resources on the most critical issues and optimize the results of their efforts.

**Proposed Ministerial Directive**

- The proposed Ministerial Directive is consistent with the approach traditionally employed for the Minister of National Defence to provide direction to CSEC.
- The proposed Ministerial Directive is also consistent with the approved Government of Canada Intelligence Priorities for 2011-2012, and directs CSEC to focus its

intelligence collection on those priorities in accordance with Part V.1 of the *National Defence Act*.

- For your ease of reference, the Intelligence Priorities Cabinet Confidence and set out in the Directive are, in order of priority:

Cabinet Confidence


#### Recommendation

- It is recommended that you approve and sign the attached Ministerial Directive on CSEC Intelligence Priorities for FY 2011-2012.

  
John Adams  
Chief

Attachment

I concur with the recommendation:

  
Stephen Rigby  
National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister  
Privy Council Office

cc. Robert Fonberg, Deputy Minister National Defence