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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

2014-15 Ministerial Authorization (MA) Request Package

(For Approval)

Summary

- Please find enclosed the 2014-2015 Ministerial Authorization request package for your approval. This package contains four Ministerial Authorizations for your signature, along with four associated covering memoranda. The memoranda provide you with background context and justification to inform your consideration of each of the four Ministerial Authorizations.
- Ministerial Authorizations authorize CSE to undertake activities or a class of activities to pursue its foreign intelligence collection or information technology security mandates when these activities risk contravention of the Criminal Code provision against the interception of private communications. Ministerial Authorizations are renewed each year on December 1 and expire one year later on November 30.
- No substantive changes have been made to the fundamental components of the Ministerial Authorizations from the previous year. Minor changes have been made to the review process for the retention of solicitor-client communications, and a more streamlined notification system has been adopted for the deployment of CSE Cyber Defence Activities when requested by federal institutions.
- Seven Ministerial Directives are also included in this package for your approval, including two new directives and five existing. These directives are established under CSE's [REDACTED] Ministerial Directive and govern CSE's [REDACTED] only valid for one year, and the five existing directives have not changed from last year.
- Finally, a copy of OPS-1, CSE's internal policy entitled 'Protecting the Privacy of Canadians and Ensuring Legal Compliance in the Conduct of CSE Activities', has also been provided in this package for ease of reference. OPS-1 is referred to throughout the Ministerial Authorizations and the associated memoranda.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that you approve the four 2014-2015 Ministerial Authorizations as well as the seven [REDACTED] Ministerial Directives.



John Forster
Chief