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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

Government of Canada Intelligence Priorities for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-2013

(For Approval and Signature)

Summary

- This Memorandum seeks your approval of the attached Ministerial Directive *Communications Security Establishment: Government of Canada Intelligence Priorities for Fiscal Year 2012-2013*.
- This request follows the approval of the Cabinet Confidence
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- 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 approved Government of Canada Intelligence Priorities for 2012-2013 and the approach traditionally employed for the Minister of National Defence to provide direction to CSEC.
- For your ease of reference, the Intelligence Priorities Cabinet Confidence and set out in the Directive are, in order of priority:

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Cabinet Confidence

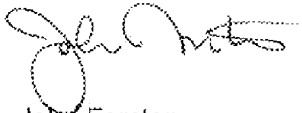
Considerations

- The Cabinet Confidence priority is the only new priority for this year. CSEC is working to initiate support of this new priority with exchanges with domestic and foreign partners and the reallocation of resources commensurate with its overall position in priorities.

• Cabinet Confidence

Recommendation

- It is recommended that you approve and sign the attached Ministerial Directive on CSEC Intelligence Priorities for FY 2012-2013.



John Forster
Chief, CSEC

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