**Appendix 4: Chinese authorities’ network of retweets**

The following figure shows an exploratory network of retweets made by Chinese authorities during the period studied. The retweeted user appears as the target and the user that retweets, as the source of a directed edge. Retweets provide a partial but meaningful indication of the flow of the content, as a retweet reproduces the tweet of a user to extend it towards new audiences. In this graph, only users that were retweeted more than 50 times by Chinese authorities were considered. In total, the network is composed of 277 nodes and 3883 edges. The algorithm used for the visual layout of the network is Force Atlas 2 with its default parameters in the software Gephi (https://gephi.org/). Higher proximity between nodes indicates higher connection. The size of the nodes is proportional to its weighted in-degree centrality, and therefore a bigger size means that that user received a higher number of retweets. The colours depend on the institutional range of the users (yellow: central authorities; red: Chinese media; green: ambassadors, consuls, and diplomats in international organisations; blue: embassies, consulates, and missions in international organisations; grey: other).

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