



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Monday, December 14, 2020

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[English]

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of November 17, 2020, the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met this day in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, and with videoconference at 10:01 a.m. [ET], the chair, the Honourable Peter M. Boehm presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Boehm, Dean and Harder, P.C. (4).

*Members of the committee present by videoconference:* The Honourable Senators Black (*Alberta*), Cormier, Coyle, Deacon (*Ontario*), Greene, Ngo and Ravalia (7).

*Participating in the meeting:* Evelyne Côté, Procedural Clerk, Committees Directorate; Pascal Tremblay and Brian Hermon, Analysts, Parliamentary Information and Research Services, Library of Parliament.

*Also present:* The official reporters of the Senate.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, the committee began its examination of Bill S-2, An Act to amend the Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Act.

WITNESSES (*by videoconference*):

*Global Affairs Canada:*

Dan Costello, Assistant Deputy Minister, International Security and Political Affairs;

Sébastien Carrière, Executive Director, Non-proliferation and Disarmament Division;

Alison Grant, Director, Eastern Europe and Eurasia;

Brendan Murphy, National Coordinator, Canadian National Authority to the Chemical Weapons Convention;

Andrew Halliday, Deputy National Coordinator, Canadian National Authority to the Chemical Weapons Convention.

*Biological and Chemical Defence Review Committee:*

Dr. Heather Durham, Chair.

The chair made a statement.

Mr. Costello made a statement and, with Mr. Carrière, Ms. Grant, Mr. Halliday and Mr. Murphy, answered questions.

Dr. Durham made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:41 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Gaëtane Lemay

*Clerk of the Committee*