



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, June 13, 2024

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on National Security, Defence and Veterans Affairs met this day at 8 a.m., in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, the deputy chair, the Honourable Jean-Guy Dagenais, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Anderson, Boehm, Cardozo, Carignan, P.C., Dagenais, Dalphond Dasko, Deacon (*Ontario*), Dean, Kutcher, Richards, Woo and Yussuff (13).

*Other senators present:* The Honourable Senators Housakos and McNair (2).

*Participating in the meeting:* Andrea Mugny, Acting Co-clerk of the Committee, Catlin Seibel-Kamél, Legislative Clerk, Committees Directorate; Ariel Shapiro and Anne-Marie Therrien-Tremblay, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, the committee continued its consideration of the subject matter of Bill C-70, An Act respecting countering foreign interference.

### WITNESSES:

#### *Business Council of Canada:*

Trevor Neiman, Vice President, Policy, and Legal Counsel.

#### *National Security and Intelligence Review Agency:*

Craig Forcese, Vice-Chair;

Charles Fugère, Senior General Counsel and Acting Executive Director.

#### *Office of the Intelligence Commissioner:*

The Honourable Simon Noël, K.C., Intelligence Commissioner;

Justin Dubois, Executive Director and General Counsel.

*As individuals:*

The Honourable Michael Chong, P.C., Member of Parliament, Wellington-Halton Hills.

Tim McSorley, National Coordinator, International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group;

Guy Saint-Jacques, Former Canadian Ambassador to China (*by videoconference*).

Charles Burton, Senior Fellow, Sinopsis.

Aaron Shull, Managing Director and General Counsel, Centre for International Governance Innovation.

The Honourable Michael Chong, P.C., Tim McSorley and Trevor Neiman each made a statement and answered questions.

At 8:32 a.m., the Honourable Senator Dasko replaced the Honourable Senator Woo as a member of the committee.

At 8:59 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 9:09 a.m., the committee resumed.

Guy Saint-Jacques, Charles Burton and Aaron Shull each made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:01 a.m., the Honourable Senator Woo replaced the Honourable Senator Deacon (*Ontario*) as a member of the committee.

At 10:07 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 10:19 a.m., the committee resumed.

Craig Forcese and the Honourable Simon Noël, K.C., each made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:14 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Karine Déquier

*Acting Clerk of the Committee*