

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, June 8, 2023 (50)

[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met this day at 11:29 a.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Peter M. Boehm, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Boehm, Boniface, Coyle, Deacon (*Ontario*), Gerba, Greene, Harder, P.C., MacDonald, Ravalia, Richards and Woo (11).

Other senators present: The Honourable Senator Patterson (Ontario) (1).

Participating in the meeting: Nadia Faucher and Brian Hermon, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, February 24, 2022, the committee continued its study on the Canadian foreign service and elements of the foreign policy machinery within Global Affairs Canada.

## APPEARING:

The Honourable Mélanie Joly, P.C., M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs.

## WITNESSES:

## Global Affairs Canada:

David Morrison, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs;

Alexandre Lévêque, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy;

Vera Alexander, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Human Resources;

Stéphane Cousineau, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, People and International Platform;

Anick Ouellette, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Planning, Finance and Information Technology and Chief Financial Officer.

The minister made a statement and, together with David Morrison, Vera Alexander and Stéphane Cousineau, answered questions.

At 12:26 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:29 p.m., the committee resumed.

At 1:25 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

**Chantal Cardinal** 

Clerk of the Committee