



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Monday, June 20, 2022  
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[English]

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of May 5, 2022, the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence met this day in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, and with videoconference, at 2 p.m. ET, the chair, the Honourable Tony Dean, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Boehm, Boisvenu, Dasko, Deacon (Ontario) and Dean (5).

*Members of the committee present by videoconference:* The Honourable Senators Dagenais, Gignac, Jaffer, Smith and Yussuff (5).

*Participating in the meeting:* Ferda Simpson and Karine Déquier, procedural clerks, Martine Willox, Legislative Clerk and Natacha Umugwaneza, Administrative Assistant, Committees Directorate; Ariel Shapiro and Anne-Marie Therrien-Tremblay, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, February 10, 2022, the committee continued its study of issues relating to national security and defence generally.

*WITNESSES (by videoconference):*

*Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces:*

Major-General Paul Prévost, Director of Staff, Strategic Joint Staff.

*Global Affairs Canada:*

Sandra McCardell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Europe, Arctic, Middle East and Maghreb;

Alison Grant, Executive Director, Security and Defence Relations.

*As individuals:*

Kerry Buck, Senior Fellow, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa, and former Ambassador of Canada to NATO;

Alexander Lanoszka, Assistant Professor, International Relations, University of Waterloo;

Nicole J. Jackson, Associate Professor and Graduate Chair, School for International Studies, Simon Fraser University;

Konstantin Eggert, Baltic States correspondent, Deutsche Welle.

Major-General Paul Prévost and Sandra McCardell each made a statement and, together with Alison Grant, answered questions.

Kerry Buck, Alexander Lanoszka, Nicole Jackson and Konstantin Eggert each made a statement and answered questions.

At 3:59 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Ericka Dupont

*Clerk of the Committee*