



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, February 26, 2026
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met this day at 10:30 a.m., in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Peter M. Boehm, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Adler, Al Zaibak, Boehm, Coyle, Deacon (*Ontario*), Gerba, Harder, P.C., Hébert, Wilson and Woo (10).

Participating in the meeting: Brian Hermon and Zak Black, Analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, September 25, 2025, the committee continued its study of foreign relations and international trade generally. (Topic: The National Security Strategy of the United States of America)

WITNESSES:

Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada:

Vina Nadjibulla, Vice-President, Research and Strategy.

As individuals:

Maxwell A. Cameron, Professor, University of British Columbia (*by videoconference*);

Ann Fitz-Gerald, Director, Balsillie School of International Affairs and Professor of International Security (*by videoconference*);

Richard Haass, President Emeritus, Council on Foreign Relations (*by videoconference*).

Vina Nadjibulla, Maxwell A. Cameron and Ann Fitz-Gerald each made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:29 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 11:33 a.m., the committee resumed.

Richard Haass made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:02 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:04 p.m., the committee resumed.

At 12:28 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Chantal Cardinal

Clerk of the Committee