



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, March 25, 2026
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met this day at 4:15 p.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, MacDonald, Ravalia, Wilson, Woo and Youance (11).

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: Canada's International Assistance Priorities)

APPEARING:

The Honourable Randeep Sarai, P.C., M.P., Secretary of State (International Development).

WITNESSES:

Global Affairs Canada:

Leslie Norton, Assistant Deputy Minister, International Assistance Partnerships and Programming Branch;

Cheryl Urban, Assistant Deputy Minister, Pan-geographic Affairs Branch;

Geoff Black, Director General, International Assistance Policy and Strategic Cooperation Bureau.

The minister made a statement and, together with Cheryl Urban, answered questions.

At 5:15 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:18 p.m., the committee resumed.

Leslie Norton, Cheryl Urban and Geoff Black answered questions.

At 5:42 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Chantal Cardinal

Clerk of the Committee