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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: EXTERNAL:RE: Ofcom launches 15 investigations into RT

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Hi [REDACTED]

As promised, here are the recent Canadian developments regarding RT.

- Yesterday, the government issued an Order to the CRTC requesting that we hold a process to determine whether RT and RT France should be removed from the list of programming services authorized for distribution in Canada, as soon as feasible but no later than within a two-week timeframe.
- Today, in response to this request, the CRTC published a Notice of Consultation to call for comments on this issue; note that the consultation document includes the Commission's Preliminary View on the matter.

Given the timeframe requested by the government, the call for comments is only open until Wednesday 8 March, and a CRTC decision should be expected shortly after. We'll send you the developments as they arise. In the meantime, don't hesitate to reach out if there are any questions.

Thanks!

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: March 1, 2022 4:58 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: EXTERNAL:RE: Ofcom launches 15 investigations into RT

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for sharing this helpful info – and yes, the reports are true. You can expect to see more developments on this as early as tomorrow, and definitely within the next couple of days. I'll forward them as they become available.

Thanks again,
Soniya

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: March 1, 2022 9:39 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: EXTERNAL:RE: Ofcom launches 15 investigations into RT

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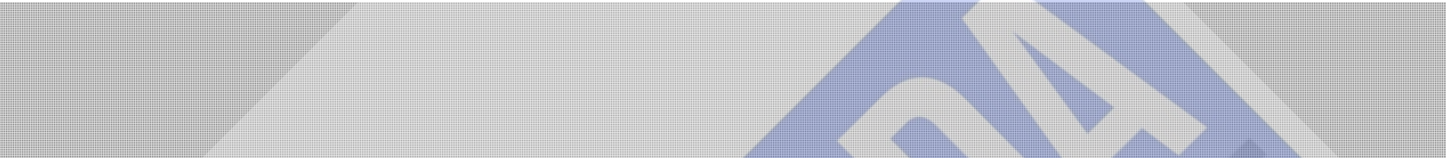
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Hi [redacted]

There is some more information on action taken by European regulators with respect to RT available here: https://www.epra.org/news_items/nras-react-to-the-crisis-in-ukraine



We've seen reports that CRTC has been asked by the Prime Minister to review RT's ability to broadcast in Canada- if you could share any information on that process, it would be greatly appreciated!



From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 6:05 PM
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Subject: EXTERNAL:RE: Ofcom launches 15 investigations into RT

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I had not – thank you!!



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Sent: February 28, 2022 12:15 PM
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Hi [redacted]

In case you haven't seen it already: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/news-centre/2022/ofcom-launches-investigations-into-rt>

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: March 3, 2022 6:13 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL: Latest image - RT

Salut [REDACTED]
Cela me convient!
Merci à toi et ton équipe!

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: March 2, 2022 4:32 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOR APPROVAL: Latest image - RT
Importance: High

Hi [REDACTED]
Please find attached a proposed image for the CRTC website and for our social media channels.

[REDACTED] are both comfortable with it.

Please let me know if you approve, or if you have any concerns, as soon as you can.

Merci,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: March 2, 2022 3:55 PM

Subject: RE: For review: Latest image - RT

No concerns from me either, [REDACTED] Thanks to the Creative team for turning this around so quickly.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: March 2, 2022 3:44 PM
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: For review: Latest image - RT

Hello [REDACTED] and thanks for the occasion to review.
I have no concern.
I understand the obligation to stay neutral with the visual.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: March 2, 2022 3:33 PM
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: For review: Latest image - RT
Importance: High

Thanks [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] prepared a "Latest" image for the Home page so that the consultation can be easily found. We'll add it to the [Consultations and hearings](#) page too. My recommendation is to link directly to the comment/intervention form – the link won't be available until AFTER the switch, so we'll need to move quickly to update the pages live once it goes out.

Attached is the "Latest" image. Green to line up with RT colour, but not the logo (ie, different font is used for the text), and a TV to bring it together. [REDACTED] Any concerns? If you're good, I'll flip it to [REDACTED] for a final check. And then we'll get [REDACTED] an image for SM.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: March 2, 2022 10:55 AM
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: proposed language for web - RT

Hi [REDACTED]

Here is the proposed language for web regarding the RT consultation:

**Tell us whether RT should be removed from the list of non-Canadian services authorized in Canada
Dites-nous si RT devrait être retirée de la liste des services non canadiens approuvés au Canada**

Will you be linking to the NoC or the intervention form? If it is the latter, could you kindly share the link with Valérie for the social media message?

If there is an image going along with the message, could you kindly ensure it is also sent to [REDACTED] so she can use it on social media?

Finally, we will be following up with your team shortly to discuss the web update for the upcoming decision, specifically regarding the following page: https://crtc.gc.ca/eng/info_sht/b311.htm

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: March 3, 2022 10:02 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Order
Categories: Purple Category

Its okay. [redacted] already replied.

From: [redacted]
Sent: March 3, 2022 10:01 AM
To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Order

Hi [redacted]

Can you please answer [redacted]'s question below?

Could you help me with the correct legal way to cite the order? Would it be "P.C. 2022-183, 2 March 2022."

Thanks,

From: [redacted]
Sent: 3 mars 2022 09:55
To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Order

Good catch! That was the midnight brain not having made the switch to March lol

From: [redacted]
Sent: March 3, 2022 9:54 AM
To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Order

Hi all,

One small tweak in par 6...we seem to have indicated that we received the order 3 February, I should read 3 March.

Other than that I have no comments.

Thanks. [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: March 3, 2022 9:36 AM
To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Order

I didn't hear from [redacted] but [redacted] had no comments

From: [redacted]
Sent: March 3, 2022 9:35 AM
To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Order

Thanks, [redacted] Could you help me with the correct legal way to cite the order? Would it be "P.C. 2022-183, 2 March 2022."

As well, have [redacted] and [redacted] approved his version?

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: March 3, 2022 9:25 AM
To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Order

Good morning
Please find attached, the revisions to the draft NoC in track changes.

Thanks

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: March 2, 2022 8:03 PM
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Order

Bonsoir,

Following [REDACTED]'s email below regarding the order in council, I gather you will be updating the NoC (pls see the latest version attached). Once updated, can you pls send it to [REDACTED] and cc us all.

We will then make the adjustments in the French version and send asap to [REDACTED] and the Chair for final approval from the Chair.

We will be on standby starting 8am tomorrow as we need to publish before 4 pm tomorrow (exact time of publication still to be confirmed).

Thanks all - [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 2 mars 2022 18:03
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Order

Actually they've already posted it (thanks [REDACTED] You can see the text here: <https://orders-in-council.canada.ca/attachment.php?attach=41658&lang=en>)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: March 2, 2022 5:52 PM
To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Subject: Order

The eagle has finally landed – well almost! 😊

It's ready and [REDACTED] will pick it up first thing in the morning and we will figure out how to distribute the text to be inserted in the NoC.

Have a great evening everyone.
[REDACTED]



From:
Sent:
To:

March 4, 2022 7:22 AM

Subject:

Excerpt of sitting in the House of Commons on March 3

Good morning,

Please see the attached discussions regarding Russia Today (RT) during yesterday's sitting in the House of Commons.

Russia Today (RT)

Hon. Michael Chong:

Madam Speaker, I could not disagree with my hon. colleague more.

We have for weeks, months and years called for the government to issue an order of general application to direct the CRTC to a new broadcasting policy, under section 7 of the Broadcasting Act, to take state-controlled broadcasters that spread disinformation and propaganda off of Canadian airwaves, such as Russia Today: RT. We have been advocating for over a year for visa-free travel for Ukrainians coming to Canada. It is clear, as understood by the European Union, that energy is not only vital to economies, but it is also vital to defence and security. That is why the Conservatives have introduced this motion today. It is vital that we protect the security and defence of this country and that of our European allies and partners.

Mr. Kevin Lamoureux (Parliamentary Secretary to the Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.):

Madam Speaker, the government has demonstrated very clearly how important it is to work with allied countries, and we are all horrified by the things we see taking place in Ukraine. I am interested in knowing, from the Conservative Party's perspective, to what degree it weighs working with allied countries. Many of the initiatives, such as immigration, the lifting of and assisting with visas, and sending lethal weapons and humanitarian aid are done by working with allied countries.

Could the member share his thoughts on the importance of working with allied countries?

Mr. Gérard Deltell (Louis-Saint-Laurent, CPC):

Madam Speaker, I would like to inform the House that I will be sharing my time with the member for Thornhill.

On Thursday, February 24, moments after Vladimir Putin's deadly, bloody and unlawful invasion of Ukraine, the Canadian Army issued a statement announcing that a contingent of 120 soldiers from Valcartier's 5e Régiment d'Artillerie Légère would be deployed to Latvia within 30 days to support a battery of M777 artillery guns.

Putin's attack is having a direct impact today in my riding. CFB Valcartier is located in the riding of my valiant colleague from Portneuf—Jacques-Cartier, to whom I give my regards. However, many military members from Valcartier live in my riding. These are people I run into at the corner store, the supermarket or the local café. They are men and women who put on the uniform to defend our country's honour and the values we hold dear. These individuals are in my thoughts today, especially those 120 men and women who are going to be deployed to Latvia in the wake of Putin's deadly attack on Ukraine.

Europe has not seen aggression on this scale since 1945, and all the decent countries in the world strongly condemn it. I want to make it clear that this is about Putin, not about Russians. I know some of my constituents were born in Russia and have chosen to live in Canada. These people join with everyone in condemning Putin's illegal, murderous and brutal aggression. We must distinguish the dictator, Putin, from the rest of the people of Russia, like the thousands of Russians who have bravely, honourably and nobly spoken out against their president.

This aggression has brought back the horrors of Second World War. My background is in history, and I have a particular interest in the history of the Second World War. I never thought I would live to see such horrific images of real war in real time. This is what we are dealing with.

This attack on Ukraine is an attack on the values that we, as Canadians, defend. Our values of freedom and democracy are humanitarian values that Putin so contemptuously rejects.

Like many people, I was very touched by these images. It was so inspiring to see ordinary citizens, with no armour or weapons, confronting Putin's Russian tanks. Let us applaud the courage of these individuals who, alone or with dozens or hundreds of friends, managed to block Putin's tanks to stop them from invading. That is one of the inspiring images we have seen. Unfortunately, it is a rare one, because every day we are seeing the horrors and ugliness of this war of aggression that should not even be happening. However, that is the reality.

My thoughts are also with the million, or almost million and a half, Ukrainian Canadians. We salute them. I know a few personally, of course, and I want to send them my regards.

From the start, the Canadian government has been taking action to address these tragic events, which unfortunately have still not come to an end. We support that action. We applaud the Canadian government for responding so quickly. The Conservatives applaud and encourage the announcements that are being made on a daily basis. We also hope that the government will do even more.

Diplomacy is a way to address an aggression, and the Putin aggression must have a diplomatic reaction from our government.

That is why the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, in an important and heartfelt speech, talked about a few measures that the Conservatives are proposing the Government of Canada take to show its disapproval of what Putin is doing in Ukraine.

First, the government needs to expel the Russian ambassador. That is a diplomatic measure that will not affect anyone's life. However, it will send a clear message that we are opposed to what is happening. We also need to recall the Canadian Ambassador in Moscow.

The government needs to strongly suggest to the CRTC that it issue an order prohibiting our cable companies here in Canada from broadcasting programming from the Russian television network RT. We applaud the private cable companies that have already done so.

(1220)

Russia must also be expelled from all international organizations. When, unfortunately, in 2015 and 2016, Putin invaded Crimea, we expelled him from the G8. It was our government that was very proactive in this area. Today, it would be an excellent idea for Russia to be expelled from the G20, among other things.

We also want to speed up the issuing of visas. We know that the government has made announcements to that effect and that they are moving in the right direction. The goal is to allow as

many Ukrainian citizens as possible to come to Canada, particularly those who want to join their families.

We must also highlight the fact that this war reminds us of our dependence on our geography. The hon. member for Charlesbourg—Haute-Saint-Charles, himself a retired lieutenant-colonel, put it well.

When we look at the map, we think that Canada and Russia are far apart. Russia is actually not that far away, because we share a common border, the Arctic. Unfortunately, I must say that this government has not been very proactive in the Arctic. The previous government and its prime minister, however, were very proactive in ensuring a Canadian presence in the Arctic.

That also means modernizing and updating our NORAD facilities and military infrastructure, from equipping our air force with F-35s to shipbuilding. This tragedy taking place in Ukraine calls into question our relationship as Canadians with our neighbour to the north, not our distant neighbour to the east or west.

This tragedy exposes the fact that, now more than ever, the whole world needs to ensure energy security for all. Russia supplies 40% of the natural gas consumed in Europe. Putin and his thugs are wielding this fact like weapon and have been doing so for a long time.

In 2015, the European Union, the EU, wrote a report detailing the situation we are facing now. It says that energy policy is often used as an instrument of foreign policy, especially in major oil producing and transit countries. It is talking about Russia. The report also states that the EU will use all its foreign policy instruments to establish strategic energy partnerships with producer countries and transit countries or regions that are becoming more important.

That proposal was made in 2015, but nobody listened, unfortunately. In December, Democratic U.S. President Joe Biden said there would have to be agreements with other countries, such as Norway. Canada should be part of it too. On February 24, President Biden said that his administration has been "coordinating with major oil-producing and consuming countries toward our common interest to secure global energy supplies".

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz is quoted in the Globe and Mail today. He stated that the events of the past few days have shown him that a responsible and forward-looking energy policy is crucial not only for Germany's economy, but also for its environment. It is also crucial for its security. He believes that his country must change course to overcome its dependency on single-source energy imports. His comments are similar to those of the Democratic U.S. President and those of the European Union in 2015.

That is why we believe that Canada, which is the fifth-largest producer of natural gas, must lend a hand in this situation to ensure global energy security. We must also remember that millions of Ukrainians are currently suffering as a result of Putin's vicious attack, and that 120 Canadian soldiers at CFB Valcartier, in the Quebec City area, will soon be deployed to Ukraine.

(1225)

Mr. Kevin Lamoureux (Parliamentary Secretary to the Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.):

Madam Speaker, when I reflect on the many debates we have had throughout the week and look at what is taking place in Ukraine today, I think about how we have a wonderful opportunity to be able to send a very strong message to the people of Ukraine when we bring motions forward. I think it would be so much better to have solidarity in the passing of a motion at this time when referencing what is taking place in Ukraine.

I am sure the member realizes, as the Conservative Party would realize, there is no way there is going to be unanimous support for the motion on the floor today. Would the Conservative opposition party entertain any amendments to the motion to make it a strong solidarity type of motion, given what is happening in Ukraine today?

Ms. Melissa Lantsman (Thornhill, CPC):

Madam Speaker, first and foremost, our hearts and prayers are with the people of Ukraine, those people who have friends and family suffering and those around the world standing and watching the bloodshed of the men, women and children in a war zone paved with destruction by a malevolent dictator whose carnage and unprovoked violence know no bounds.

People in my own community, at the beginning, joined in prayers in churches and synagogues and mosques and gurdwaras and everything in between. Now countless organizations are raising money and sending goods directly to the people of Ukraine, helped by the spirit of generosity of so many who just want to help, like Saint Volodymyr Ukrainian Catholic Church in Thornhill and the countless efforts by Chabad Lubavitch in sending help, load by load and matched further by dollar-for-dollar donations from the kindness of community members who want to go the extra mile.

I am going to take a moment to get a bit personal in this House and speak to those who have been misinformed and to those who have succumbed to the propaganda and the blatant lies espoused by the Kremlin.

I am a first-generation Canadian. My parents arrived in Canada in 1974 from Odessa. They were Jewish refugees who left the oppression of the former Soviet Union. Putin's regime had persisted with this narrative of a neo-Nazi government oppressing Russian speakers despite the fact that President Zelensky's native language is Russian and despite the fact that he himself is Jewish. It is an absolute perversion of facts. This country has democracy. It has freedom of speech. It has freedom of religion.

In the face of that propaganda, I want to acknowledge those specifically in my community and all over the world who have demonstrated remarkable courage. I acknowledge the tens of thousands of Russians in cities within Russia and within our own country and within the world who took to the streets to express their outrage. Facing threats of harm, hundreds of them were arrested for their bravery in speaking out. There is great concern in my own community from those who condemn these actions. They are Russian speakers themselves. They are those who have roots in Russia and those who stand with the Ukrainian people. This is Putin's war. This is Putin's ongoing invasion of Ukraine, a free and democratic country.

The attack ordered by Putin on Ukraine is the first European war since the Second World War. It is a serious violation of international law and of humanity. This attack threatens not only Ukraine, its people and its many diaspora communities; it also threatens Canada. Our own security has always been tied to that of Europe. A hundred thousand is the number of Canadians who paid the ultimate price in the two wars in Europe. We have enjoyed the longest period of relative peace and prosperity since that second great war, a peaceful world that we played a role in establishing.

Vladimir Putin's evils know no bounds. Silence in the face of evil becomes its accomplice, and it ends up becoming evil itself. Remaining silent is a betrayal of our conscience and our values. Ultimately it is a betrayal of our own freedom as well as our safety and security. While I support the actions taken to date by the Government of Canada, more needs to be done, because we will one day be asked if we did everything we could during this dark chapter in history. Could Canada have done more? I think that today the answer is yes.

The government should expel the Russian ambassador. The government should direct the CRTC to terminate the licences of state broadcasters that spread disinformation and propaganda. Russia Today, RT, should be removed from our airwaves, as should other authoritarian state broadcasters operating here. The government should also make every effort to seek the removal of Russia from organizations like the G20, as we did from the G8 the last time this happened.

As members would have heard from my colleagues in this House, I will add my voice to theirs in advocating immediate implementation of visa-free travel for Ukrainians wanting to come to Canada. I know that steps have been taken, but our EU partners have already done this.

While I support the measures announced to date by the Government of Canada, I also understand that those measures are not going to stop the invasion in Ukraine. However, we must one day be able to say that we did everything that we could, and the fact remains that today we can do more.

(1235)

Many in the House will say that some of what I am about to say discounts the situation faced by the Ukrainian people as they fight to defend their nation, the now over one million displaced Ukrainians, women sheltering children from unspeakable harms, and the tragedy unfolding in real time of so many who feel helpless to change the trajectory of evil. However, I believe that it is in our interest, in the interest of democracy in Europe and in the interest of the security of our own country that we must explore every option to do more in the face of what we are seeing.

We know that the Arctic is one of Russia's strategic priorities. We have seen it through their actions and we have seen it through their commitments. We share that border, and now, more than any other time, we must commit to our own security in the wake of destabilization in Europe. We need a plan and we need a renewed commitment to take this situation seriously.

We need to think in longer terms about defending the Canadian Arctic and our sovereignty. We need a plan on purchasing F-35 jets and a plan to modernize NORAD's early warning system. We need a plan to fix our national shipbuilding program. We need a plan on joining ballistic missile defence and a plan for closer co-operation with our Scandinavian allies and of course the Americans. We have committed to that before and we need to commit to it again today.

Our nation's defence strategy is as important as our nation's energy policy, and I am glad the members opposite realize the two are linked. Canadians know that energy is vital to our lives, and we are learning every day that it is more and more vital to our security. I am not the only one who said this; the European Union said it and our partners abroad have said it. We have witnessed over the last six years that the government and its green energy policies contribute to the destruction of Canada's oil and gas sector and to increasing our reliance on foreign oil from countries with abysmal human rights records, overrun with depots and dictators who function with impunity.

Canada is the fifth-largest natural gas producer in the world, but the stark reality is that we cannot get gas to Europe. We do not have the infrastructure. We cannot get pipelines built. Getting resources to Atlantic tidewater is vital to our economy, vital to our environmental goals, and vital to our own security, because we can be the source of security for European democracies today, and that matters.

Russia supplies 40% of Europe's natural gas and uses this to intimidate Europe and Ukraine, and that matters. It matters because of Russia's constant threat to cut off that supply, which provides warmth in the winter, economic activity throughout the year and stability to hundreds of millions of people. Without it we will most certainly see a crisis in Europe, a crisis for their economy and for the entire continent. Canada has the resources to ensure this is not going to happen, and we must take these threats seriously.

The world changed last week. I want to end by saying that for the people of Ukraine facing war, for the millions of Canadians of Ukrainian heritage who see their roots under attack, for international rules-based order, and for our own security, Canada's official opposition will continue proudly to do everything we can to ensure Canada steps up and does its part.

That starts with treating our energy security as a priority. Putin's attack is not only an attack on Ukraine, and I am glad my colleagues agree; Putin is a grave threat to global peace, security and democracy and to our collective safety and security. The government members have said so themselves, and I am grateful again for that. While the world witnesses the bravery of the Ukrainian people, seeing citizens fighting for their lives and for their country and seeing the bravery of a president leading from the front, we too must remember that they are not fighting only for themselves; they fight for all of us, and our support must go beyond what we have seen today. Our support must withstand the test of tomorrow.

I hope members of this House support our motion today so that one day we will be able to say as a country that we did everything we could.

(1240)

Mr. Earl Dreeshen (Red Deer—Mountain View, CPC):

Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I join this debate on the tragedy taking place in Ukraine. In 2016 and then again in 2018, I attended the OSCE, which is the organization for security and co-operation in Europe, for parliamentary missions first in Tbilisi, Georgia, and then in Berlin.

Russian aggression, territorial interference and misinformation campaigns were always uppermost in the discussions with member states. Economic actions, specifically the disruption of oil and gas supplies, were the threats that underlined the discussions, but there was always the fear that if there was not compliance, Russia would use its military might to make its point. Of course, the Russian representatives to these meetings always denied any such motives, stating that any actions they might contemplate were at the urging of patriots within those nations. They were not believed then, and they are not to be believed now.

The co-operation they sought on the Nord Stream project was a great example of Russian manipulation. Using the European and North American fixation on green strategies and policies, they effectively produced campaigns to demonize hydraulic fracking, thus stigmatizing research and development in this area. By encouraging agreements with new gas pipeline projects for themselves, they knew that they would be able to keep these markets to themselves. These misinformation campaigns sadly have been active on Canadian soil for years. I am a firm believer that we should neither glorify nor demonize any of the energy sources that we have been blessed with, that we should remain stewards of our land and that we should also approach energy security with our eyes wide open.

At the OSCE meetings that I attended, my Ukrainian counterparts were very blunt about what one could expect from any agreements made with Russia. They referenced the original Minsk agreement, which was a failed attempt at a ceasefire aimed at halting the Russian-backed separatists who had seized swaths of territory following Russia's 2014 annexation of the Crimean Peninsula. The Minsk 2 deal, which set out military and political steps, remains unimplemented, primarily because of Russia's insistence that it was not party to the conflict and therefore was not bound by its terms. The actions of this last week, and Ukrainian assertions about Russian aggressions, made it abundantly clear that they were right all along.

We can comment further on how this all came about, but the real focus now is that Ukraine has been brutally attacked by Russia. What can we do now? How can we help Ukraine? How can we ensure our own sovereignty stays intact? How must we react to the threat of nuclear escalation? How do we react to a Russian leader whose personal reality is that of a Cold War dictator? Countries around the world have made strategic moves that include banning Russian aircraft over their territory, as well as a series of sanctions placed on major Russian players. There are many more details to come in these areas, and hopefully these impacts will be such that they will not allow Russian oligarchs to slip through.

There have been ambassadors expelled, as well as embassy officials recalled. All are actions designed to help make the point that Russia has chosen to isolate itself on the international stage. The misinformation campaign led by Russia Today is being handled by individual communication companies. As we speak, these companies have taken RT off the air. Had the CRTC pushed this earlier, it would have been helpful, but kudos to the industry for stepping up.

Having spoken to leaders of the Ukrainian community in Alberta, they firmly believe that we must ensure that humanitarian aid is available, that safe passage to Canada can be facilitated, that troops will be supplied with the necessary armaments and that full pressure will continue to be applied to Putin and his regime. Actions such as Russia's removal from organizations such as the G20 and the OSCE were also suggested, as was the implementation of visa-free travel from Ukraine to Canada.

On the issue of our sovereignty, there are lessons to be learned. Germany has now seen fit to increase its military spending to 2% of GDP. It and many other European nations have realized that they cannot be held energy hostages, and that a global analysis of this reality is now needed more than ever. This is part of a long-term fix, but no country is better suited to assist in this than Canada. We await the Liberal government's acceptance of this reality.

Sovereignty also means dealing with the reality that Canada shares an Arctic border with Russia. We have let this reality slip from our consciousness, but a reawakening is necessary for us as a nation.

(1550)

There needs to be a serious plan for Canada's Arctic that will address the aging NORAD early warning system, fix our broken military procurement system and ensure that we will work closely in collaboration with Scandinavian countries and the U.S. to ensure Arctic peace and security.

The threat of nuclear action, which is Putin's latest veiled threat, is something that is disconcerting to all, but this is a reality that exists when leaders seek and attain ultimate control of their people. Perhaps the outpouring of support for Ukraine from within Russia, the potential of real economic collapse, not just for the political and financial elites but for the Russian people as well, and the current international condemnation will become strong enough for Putin to find another path or for the Russian people to find another path for him.

On the issue of energy security, I want to put on record segments of the address I gave in July of 2016 to the OSCE meeting in Tbilisi, Georgia. I stated that, for Canada, energy security and clean energy transition go hand in hand. Energy efficiency and renewables are key parts of the equation. According to the International Energy Agency, improving energy efficiency alone could get us nearly halfway to Paris commitments, while improving global energy security.

As part of its energy union strategy, the EU aims to enhance its energy security solidarity and trust by diversifying Europe's sources of energy as well. As we can see, energy security truly is a global challenge that calls for strong, multilateral co-operation among our countries.

Energy is the backbone of any economy, and thus of our security. A healthy energy sector must be able to support the day-to-day needs of our people, sustain the growth of our economies and contribute to the sustainability of our environment and natural resources. According to the International Energy Agency, even with proposed diversification, the world's demand for energy could grow by nearly one-third by the year 2040.

I went on to state that Canada is a stable democracy with a strong economy. We represent a secure, reliable and ethical source of energy for the world's future. The Canadian oil and gas brand, as well, is well respected throughout the world by those who are knowledgeable about the industry. We have some of the strongest regulations on the planet. We demand that oil and gas activity be monitored, that producers properly respect landholders and that companies adhere to the rules of proper reclamation.

When it comes to the fossil fuel debate, all we ask for is honesty and fairness. The profits, royalties and taxes that come from this industry build our schools, fund our hospitals and allow us to contribute to help alleviate global poverty, yet we are demonized by so-called environmental activists that see fighting Canada as a soft target, one where public pressure will slow down development. Meanwhile, foreign interests, some engaged with renewables and others with non-renewable fuels, including their own oil and gas interests, are able to hold back one of the most responsible and ethical producers from expanding and reaching foreign markets.

I concluded with my challenge for those that do us economic harm to compare what we as Canadians contribute to the world, as far as safety, security and respect for human dignity is concerned, with those countries that presently sell their oil to us. I believe the answer was clear.

The time for Canada to step up has never been so critical. The Liberal government has failed to recognize that oil and gas is vital to Canadian and European security. We need to get new pipelines built to tidewater to displace Russian natural gas. Russia supplies 40% of Europe's natural gas and uses this to intimidate Europe and Ukraine, threatening to cut off supplies to Europe. If supplies are cut, people will freeze, industries will shutter and Europe's GDP will plummet.

Conservatives stand with Ukraine, the people of Ukraine and over one million Canadians with ties to Ukraine. We believe that Canada must strengthen our own defences and renew our commitment to the NATO alliances in the face of the threats of Russia. As Conservatives, we know that

Canadians must take Russian aggression seriously. We know that Canada's security is inextricably tied to that of Europe and that now is in the time for us to acknowledge that fact with action.
(1555)

Mr. John Williamson (New Brunswick Southwest, CPC):

Madam Speaker, I will be sharing my time with the member for Sherwood Park—Fort Saskatchewan.

Slava Ukraini. Heroyam slava. This translates to "Glory to Ukraine. Glory to the heroes."

As Canadians, we are united in our disgust and opposition to Vladimir Putin's unprovoked war in Ukraine and the mounting loss of innocent life. We are deeply sympathetic to the struggle of Ukraine's people for we understand Russia's military assault is an attack on our own freedoms. This war threatens Europe's stability. It could be ruinous to the rules-based multilateral system that has existed since 1945, which Canada helped create, and is the basis for our shared prosperity.

We support President Zelensky's courageous leadership, as well as the heroic counterpunch of the Ukrainian army and civilians who have taken up arms to defend their way of life, a way of life that is similar to our own here in Canada. We are awestruck by the defiance of Ukrainians in the face of Russia's military might and their willingness to fight, whatever the cost. Canada must continue to stand with Ukraine.

Indeed, the Government of Canada has responded quickly, in conjunction with our allies the United States and Europe, to Putin's aggression in eastern Europe. Humanitarian and military aid has been promised and provided to Ukraine, punishing economic sanctions have been imposed on Russia and soldiers have been positioned along NATO's eastern front. As well, the federal government has responded to calls for more action. I, along with many others Conservatives on Saturday, called for the closing of Canadian airspace to Russian air carriers, as our European allies had done. Ottawa soon did, and on Tuesday night Washington closed U.S. airspace to Russian air carriers.

We also insisted that Kremlin-controlled Russia Today television, which broadcasts Russian state propaganda, be removed from Canada's airwaves. That too happened after Canada's telecoms acted. After pressure mounted to end Russian oil imports to Canada, the federal government also decided it would ban crude oil imports to our country. This was a symbolic first step since Canadian refineries had not purchased Russian crude since 2019. However, last year's petroleum imports from Russia totalled approximately \$350 million. The Liberals corrected their omission mid-week by including refined petroleum products to the oil ban.

This is all necessary work, but it is not enough. Putin continues to push westward without fear of the consequences. Thus, it is necessary to realize that sanctions do not win wars. Soldiers and citizens with weapons do. What we are witnessing in Ukraine is the attempted overthrow and brutal destruction of an independent nation state.

As we engage in this debate, I know that in churches, train stations and home basements across Ukraine, hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians are praying for peace as the sounds of sirens ring out warning of more Russian air strikes. Hospitals, playgrounds and even Babyn Yar, the Holocaust memorial site, have been hit by indiscriminate missile attacks. It is all sickening. Canada must do more to help our Ukrainian friends and allies.

It was in this vein that after Crimea was illegally seized by Putin, the previous Conservative government took military steps in 2015 to better arm and train our allies in Ukraine through Operation Unifier. Today, Ukraine should be provided arms and the financial resources to purchase weapons, especially to destroy tanks and aircraft.

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As well, Canada should move quickly to grant asylum to Ukrainian refugees fleeing Russian aggression just as we did in 1956 when Hungary was occupied by the Soviets, but we must also recognize that what Ukrainians want foremost is arms, not sanctuary. Indeed, when the U.S. government asked President Zelensky if he wanted to be evacuated from his country to avoid being

captured or, worse, killed by Russian soldiers, he replied, "I need ammunition, not a ride." Ukrainians are asking for help to fight Russians and Canada should not hesitate a moment to provide them with whatever weapons they need to protect their home and fight the Russian military.

Here at home, there are more ways for Canada to help. Canada's natural resources, our abundant gas and oil reserves, as well as minerals, should be mobilized to help Europe escape its dependence on Russia and China. This dependence weakens Europe in the face of Moscow's aggression and ensures Russia a large market for its resources controlled by its oligarchs. The west must not continue Angela Merkel's failed legacy a moment longer. Building Canada's energy east pipeline to Saint John could have helped offset Europe's dependence on Russian oil. The Alberta-to-Texas Keystone XL pipeline could have ended U.S. dependence on Russian oil. This would have made Russia poorer and weaker.

Scuttling these pipelines were policy choices made in Ottawa and Washington, with significant geopolitical consequences. They should be reversed. Canada also is not able to ship our country's abundant natural resources overseas. We are a trading nation. We have oil and gas to export, but we lack the means to do so. It is past time to build pipeline infrastructure to the Pacific and Atlantic coasts and commit to being a reliable energy partner with Europe. The federal government must do whatever it can to advance Newfoundland and Labrador's LNG export plans. This is because Putin's ability to cut off Europe from natural gas has strengthened Russia and weakened Europe. Canada can contribute mightily to this strategic challenge with our abundant natural resources, but this will mean ending our federal government's assault on Canada's hydrocarbons.

Off the coast of Atlantic Canada, we can also do more. Canada and its partners must eject Russia from the executive management of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization. Russia should not be allowed to oversee the management of waters on the Grand Banks. No country should expect to benefit from or set economic agreements around the world, like lucrative fishing grounds, when it is smashing a nation elsewhere.

Canada is not at war with Russia, but lessons from Ukraine must be applied to our own sovereignty. It is increasingly clear that unfriendly nations do not recognize borders and are willing to act without fear of consequence. Putin has already moved to claim wide swaths of our Arctic territory as his own, including parts of the seabed in Canada's north. The vast Arctic Archipelago and surrounding waters, along with its many natural resources, are part of Canada's sovereign territory. To be ready, we must fix our military procurement strategy. Russia has 40 icebreaking vessels that can operate year round. Russia is building an Arctic navy. Meanwhile, Canada can barely patrol our vast Arctic waters year round with a single vessel. We must also quickly modernize NORAD's early northern warning system and purchase F-35 jets to patrol ours and allies' skies.

President Vladimir Putin's unprovoked and illegal war against Ukraine is a wake-up call for Canada. We must assist Ukraine. We must aid Europe. We must be ready to defend our north. We must be capable of asserting our sovereignty. I stand with Ukraine and believe Canada must help with every resource at our disposal.

Slava Ukraini. Heroyam slava.

Thank you,



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: March 9, 2022 1:03 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: DOCS-#4163117-v1-RT_decision_-_ML_QsAs___March_2022
Attachments: DOCS_-_4163117_-_v3_-_RT_decision_-_ML_Qs&As___March_2022.DOCX.DRF

Thanks [REDACTED] much appreciated. Both your comments and [REDACTED] s are now in the doc attached. [REDACTED]

Thank you,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 9 mars 2022 12:19
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: DOCS-#4163117-v1-RT_decision_-_ML_QsAs___March_2022

Hi all,

I added in a few thoughts and proposed something for Q5.

Thanks. [REDACTED]

From: [redacted]
Sent: March 9, 2022 10:02 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: For comments: RT decision - Qs&As

Thanks [redacted] I've saved your comments in the DM doc. We will review shortly.

We know your team and [redacted]'s team are hard at work on this file at the moment, so we will await more info when available. Kindly keep in mind that any information you can share with the comms team ahead of time will help us get the comms products approved and published in time for the release.

Thank you,

From: [redacted]
Sent: 8 mars 2022 23:49
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: For comments: RT decision - Qs&As

I added a few thoughts – not sure I have great answers for you though.
 To be clear, [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: March 4, 2022 9:38 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: For comments: RT decision - Qs&As

Hi [redacted]

As you know, there will be a quick turnaround for the decision on RT. Therefore we have already started to prepare our media lines/Qs&As doc for the decision. We would appreciate your help to populate the answers to a few questions ahead of time.

In order to expedite your review, at this time we only ask for your help in answering three questions:

- Q2 [redacted]
- Q5 [redacted]

- Q8 [REDACTED]

We will ensure to circulate the completed doc back to you once we have more info on the details of the decision and the report.

If possible, we would appreciate a response **by end of day on Tuesday, March 8**. We know you are very busy working on this file as well as others, so we understand if this cannot be prioritized at this time. Kindly advise if additional time is needed to review the questions.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: March 10, 2022 12:38 PM
To: Secretariat/Meetings
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Background Information RE: OIC on RT - [REDACTED]
Attachments: DOCS - 4166210 - v1 - Background Information RE OIC on RT - [REDACTED]
2022.DOCX

Good afternoon,

Please find attached background information to be distributed to members immediately in preparation for [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Let me know if you need anything else.

Much appreciated,

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de la Loi sur l'accès à l'information**

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: March 10, 2022 5:39 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: RT Decision

Hi [REDACTED]

We should be in a position to get you a solid draft later tomorrow. [REDACTED] is holding the pen and I don't want to speak for her, but I think we can undertake to get you something by then. There will be a lot of moving parts over the next few days but we will make it happen, together!

Thanks!

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: March 10, 2022 4:37 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RT Decision

Hi there,

I am sure you two will be burning the midnight oil till next Wednesday.

I just met with the comms team to [REDACTED]

We have prepared a NR [REDACTED] there are also some ML and Q's&A's as well that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have seen [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have reviewed the draft NR.

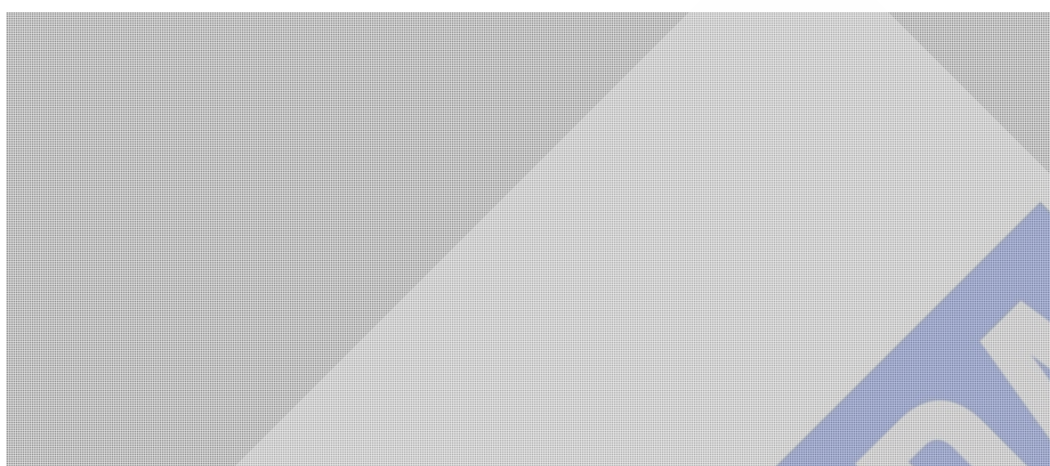
Given the very tight turnaround times that we will have, we would appreciate if you could send us the draft decision - if you have one and if you don't, please send whatever version you have as soon as you have one so we can compare the language we used and compared it to what is in the Decision.

Kindly keep in mind, as well, that comms needs to translate all of our documents the day before the Decision goes out and send it to CNW to ensure it hits the wires on March 16th at the same time the Decision goes out. There are a lot of moving parts on our end too 😊. And we have to go through a ton of approvals too for our comms products and it will be a shotgun approach whereby everyone will be flying by the seat of their pants to ensure the Chair's Office has enough time to review the NR and ML and Q&A doc.

We appreciate your assistance and we look forward to collaborating with your teams.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: March 11, 2022 5:12 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Revised version
Attachments: DOCS-#4166471-v1-Section_15_RT_and_RT_France_-_Cover_Letter_ENG.doc

Hi [REDACTED]

Please find attached my comments on the draft.

A couple of things we'll have to ask [REDACTED] next week.

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Thanks. [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: March 11, 2022 12:04 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Revised version

Hi [REDACTED]

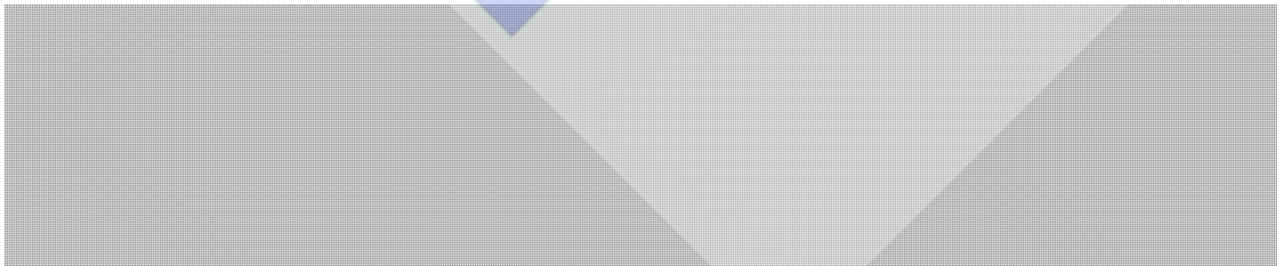
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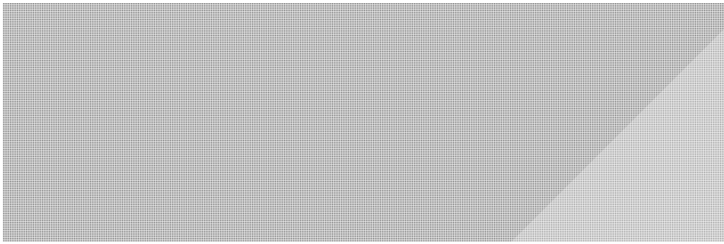
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P.S. - [REDACTED]

Talk soon,

[REDACTED]





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Cc: [REDACTED]
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Hi [REDACTED]

Here's the latest version, based on our conversation.

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P.S. - [REDACTED]

Talk soon,
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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: March 14, 2022 12:09 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Section_15_RT and RT France_-_Cover_Letter ENG
Attachments: DOCS_-_4166471_-_v5_-_Section_15_RT_and_RT_France_-_Cover_Letter_ENG.DOC.DRF

Hi [REDACTED]

Pleased find attached the cover letter for your review.

We used a letter from 2014 as a point of reference. [REDACTED]

We will also need to confirm who is the signatory (Claude or Ian?) and who is the recipient (minister or DM?).

Thanks,

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: March 15, 2022 8:14 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: RT_and_RT_France Report
Attachments: 4167055-Section_15_RT_and_RT_France_-_Cover_Letter_FR.DOC.DRF; 4166471-Section_15_RT_and_RT_France_-_Cover_Letter_ENG.doc.drf

Good morning [REDACTED]

Please find attached both letters (ENG + FR).

Let us know if you would like us to do anything else, including move it up the chain of command.

Thanks,

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: March 14, 2022 4:10 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: RT_and_RT_France Report

We are still working out those details – these letters will have to be delivered but also published somehow I think... stay tuned!

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: March 14, 2022 4:09 PM
To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: RT_and_RT_France Report

Hi [REDACTED]

We've already got the FR version going so this should not be an issue.

I guess both letters will be sent to the Chairman's office and they'll be charged with signing and delivering to PCH?

Thanks,

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: March 14, 2022 4:02 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RT_and_RT_France Report

[REDACTED]

I took parts directly from the decision to fill out the Report – let me know your thoughts or suggestions.

As for translation, can our team handle that for tomorrow? Most of the paragraphs are verbatim from the decision.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: March 16, 2022 9:13 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: URGENT MATTER - please help stop Russian war propaganda in Canada!

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Dear [REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to you in your capacity CRCT Managers to help immediately stop Russian war propaganda in Canada!

While RT has been banned in Canada and globally, a number of internet ethnic channel providers continue to carry Russian channels. While it is important for people to be able to watch TV in their native languages, it is also important to stop Russian news and political talk shows as those are full of lies and hatred. They glorify genocide in Ukraine, label Ukrainians as nazis, and justify Putin's actions and war..... This MUST stop!

These lies and hatred then lead to tensions in our communities. Shows and so-called 'news' orchestrated by the notorious Putin's apologists and supporters - Soloviev, Kiselev, Simonyan and others - are full of lies and hate speech and have no place in Canada!

Internet TV providers are reluctant to do anything on their own, and their position is stated on the company website: <https://www.etvnet.com/etvnet/>

Hence, I am asking for an emergency injunction that will ban Russian news and political talk shows in Canada, while still allowing all other content - movies, concerts, children's programs.

This is urgent! Please, help stop war propaganda and glorification of Putin in Canada!

I am cc-ing this e-mail to the Ukrainian Canadian Congress.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,
Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

----- Forwarded message -----

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Sat, 12 Mar 2022 at 14:34
Subject: URGENT MATTER - please help stop Russian war propaganda in Canada!

To: <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>, <David.Lametti@parl.gc.ca>, <randy.boissonnault@parl.gc.ca>, <george.chahal@parl.gc.ca>, <Melanie.Joly@parl.gc.ca>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Minister Freeland,
Dear Minister Joly,
Dear Minister Lametti,
Dear Minister Boissonnault,
Dear Mr. Chahal,

I am writing to you in your capacity as Ministers and Members of Parliament to help immediately stop Russian war propaganda in Canada!

While RT has been banned in Canada and globally, a number of internet ethnic channel providers continue to carry Russian channels. While it is important for people to be able to watch TV in their native languages, it is also important to stop Russian news and political talk shows as those are full of lies and hatred. They glorify genocide in Ukraine, label Ukrainians as nazis, and justify Putin's actions and war.... This MUST stop!

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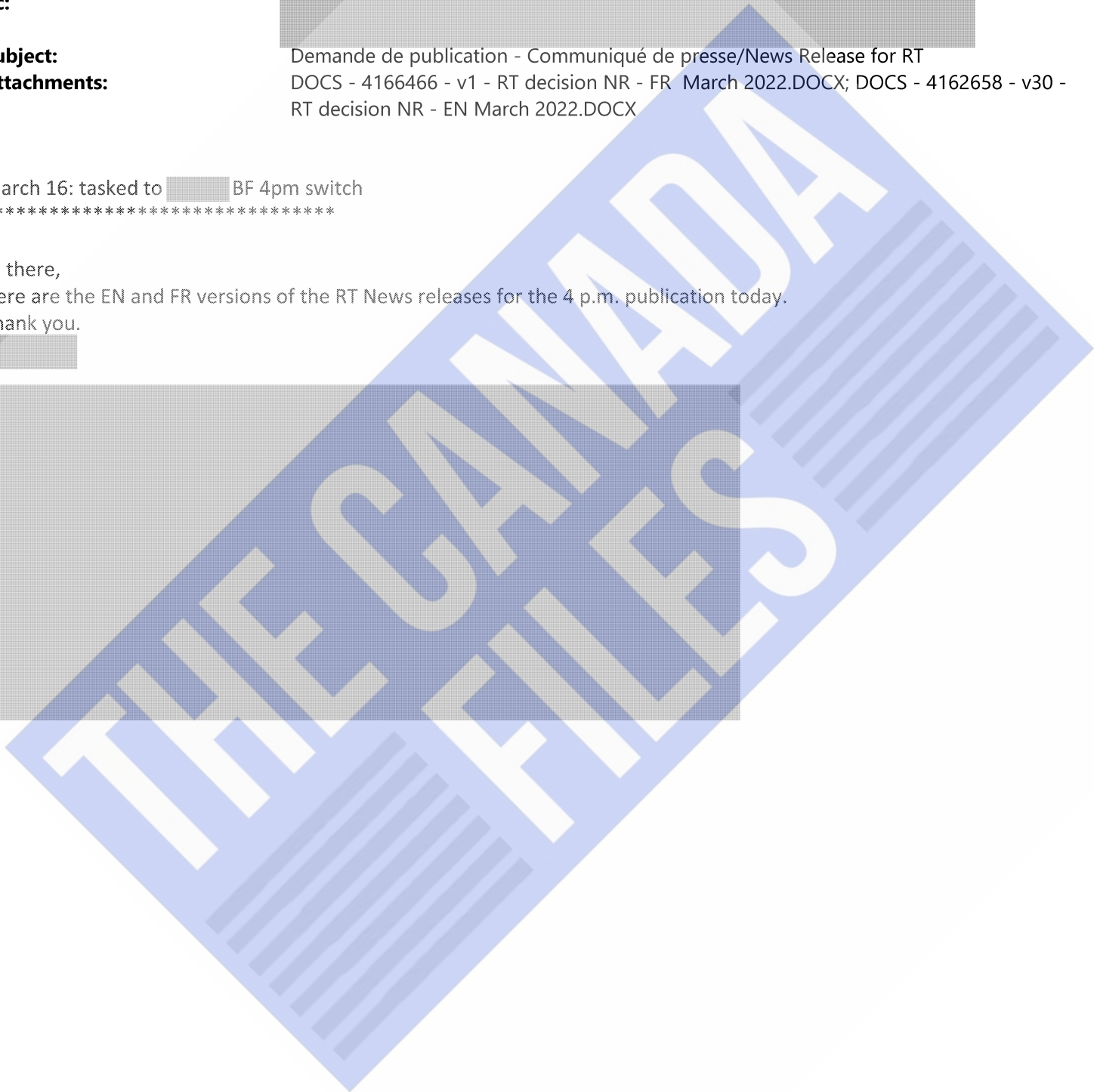
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: March 16, 2022 1:16 PM
To: Web - Services; [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Demande de publication - Communiqué de presse/News Release for RT
Attachments: DOCS - 4166466 - v1 - RT decision NR - FR March 2022.DOCX; DOCS - 4162658 - v30 - RT decision NR - EN March 2022.DOCX

March 16: tasked to [Redacted] BF 4pm switch

Hi there,
 Here are the EN and FR versions of the RT News releases for the 4 p.m. publication today.
 Thank you.



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: March 16, 2022 3:44 PM
To: Web - Services
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: final copies of NR
Attachments: DOCS - 4162658 - v32 - RT decision NR - EN March 2022.DOCX; DOCS - 4166466 - v4 - RT decision NR - FR March 2022.DOCX

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RT and RT France can no longer be distributed by Canadian television service providers

Programming on RT and RT France is not consistent with Canadian broadcasting standards

March 16, 2022 – Ottawa-Gatineau – Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)

Today, the CRTC formally removed RT (previously known as Russia Today) and RT France from the *List of non-Canadian programming services and stations authorized for distribution*.

Further to a public consultation, the CRTC determined that the continued authorization to distribute RT and RT France is not in the public interest. RT's programming is not consistent with the standards against which Canadian services are measured nor the policy objectives set out in the *Broadcasting Act*. The CRTC is also concerned with programming from a foreign country that seeks to undermine the sovereignty of another country, demean Canadians of a particular ethnic background and undermine democratic institutions within Canada.

The Commission took into account the submissions and notes the seriousness of the allegations provided in the interventions. It also considered the reports of the actual situation in Ukraine, the current and escalating sanctions on Russia and Russian individuals, as well as the swift steps taken by other jurisdictions to pull the services.

Television service providers are authorized to distribute foreign television services in order to provide Canadians with a broad range of views and voices. These services are not licensed like Canadian services. However, the CRTC considers that non-Canadian news services should be held to the same standards in respect of their programming as Canadian services.

Quotes

“Freedom of speech and a range of perspectives are a necessary part of our democracy. However, it is a privilege and not a right to be broadcast in Canada. Foreign channels can be removed from the authorized list should their programming not be consistent with the standards to which Canadian services are held, or their continued distribution no longer serves the public interest, as was the case for RT and RT France.”

“We would like to thank all those who submitted comments through this public consultation. We have heard Canadians concerns about RT's programming. Your views are important to us and help the Commission in its decision making.”

Ian Scott, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, CRTC

Quick facts

- On March 2, 2022, the CRTC received a request from the Governor in Council, further to section 15 of the *Broadcasting Act*, to determine whether RT and RT France should be removed from the list of non-Canadian services authorized in Canada.
- In response to this request, the CRTC launched a public consultation on March 3, 2022.
- The CRTC received a total of 373 interventions; 350 were in favour of removing RT and RT France from Canadian airwaves and 16 were for keeping it.
- Prior to launching its review, the Commission had received several complaints from the Canadian public regarding the programming on RT and whether that programming is consistent with the policy objectives of the *Broadcasting Act* and with the Commission's broadcasting regulations.
- The scope of this proceeding was limited to RT and RT France. Even though many interveners submitted comments which applied broadly to Russian-state controlled and sponsored media, the Commission limited its examination to the services identified in the government's request and the CRTC's Notice of Consultation.
- Even though Canadian television service providers had already removed RT from their channel lineup before the CRTC published its decision, they will no longer be allowed to offer RT and RT France as part of their services.
- Canada is not the only country to have removed permission to distribute RT and RT France. In March 2022, the EU banned RT and Sputnik from broadcasting in its member countries in response to the invasion and the service has been pulled from the airwaves in other countries such as Australia
- RT is a Russian state-controlled international television network. The Commission authorized the distribution of Russia Today in Canada in 2009, and the distribution of RT France in 2020.

Associated links

- [Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2022-68 - Review of the authorization to distribute Russia Today \(RT\) and RT France pursuant to the *List of non-Canadian programming services and stations authorized for distribution*](#)
- [Response report to Order in Council P.C. 2022-0183 regarding whether RT and RT France should be removed to the List of non-Canadian programming services and stations authorized for distribution \(the List\)](#)
- [Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2022-58 - Call for comments regarding the continued appropriateness of authorizing the distribution of RT in Canada](#)
- [Access to Programs on TV that are not Canadian](#)
- [Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2020-281 – Addition of RT France to the List of non-Canadian programming services and stations authorized for distribution](#)
- [Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2009-676 – Addition of Russia Today to the lists of eligible satellite services for distribution on a digital basis](#)

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RT et RT France ne peuvent plus être distribuées par les fournisseurs de services de télévision canadiens

La programmation de RT et RT France n'est pas conforme aux normes de diffusion canadiennes.

16 mars 2022 - Ottawa-Gatineau - Conseil de la radiodiffusion et des télécommunications canadiennes (CRTC)

Aujourd'hui, le CRTC a officiellement retiré RT (anciennement connu sous le nom de Russia Today) et RT France de la *Liste de services de programmation et de stations non canadiens autorisés pour distribution*.

À la suite d'une consultation publique, le CRTC a conclu que l'autorisation continue de distribuer RT et RT France n'est pas dans l'intérêt public. La programmation de RT n'est conforme ni aux normes que doivent suivre les services canadiens, ni aux objectifs de la politique énoncés dans la *Loi sur la radiodiffusion*. Le CRTC est également préoccupé par la programmation provenant d'un pays étranger qui cherche à miner la souveraineté d'un autre, à rabaisser les Canadiens d'une certaine origine ethnique et à miner les institutions démocratiques au Canada.

Le Conseil a tenu compte des soumissions et note la gravité des allégations présentées dans les interventions. Il a également pris en considération les rapports sur la situation en cours en Ukraine, les sanctions actuelles et croissantes contre la Russie et des individus russes, ainsi que les mesures rapides prises par d'autres états pour retirer les services.

Les fournisseurs de services de télévision ont l'autorisation de distribuer des services de télévision étrangers afin d'offrir aux Canadiens un large éventail de points de vue et de voix. Ces services ne sont pas régis de la même façon que les services canadiens. Toutefois, le CRTC considère que les services de nouvelles non canadiens devraient respecter les mêmes normes en matière de programmation que les services canadiens.

Citations

« La liberté d'expression et la diversité des points de vue sont des éléments essentiels de notre démocratie. Cependant, le fait d'être diffusé au Canada est un privilège et non un droit. Les chaînes étrangères peuvent être retirées de la liste autorisée si leur programmation n'est pas conforme aux normes auxquelles les services canadiens sont tenus, ou si leur diffusion continue ne sert plus l'intérêt public, comme ce fut le cas pour RT et RT France. »

« Nous tenons à remercier tous ceux qui ont soumis des commentaires dans le cadre de cette consultation publique. Nous avons entendu les préoccupations des Canadiens concernant la programmation de RT. Votre opinion est importante pour nous et aide le Conseil dans sa prise de décision. »

Ian Scott, président et premier dirigeant, CRTC

Faits en bref

- Le 2 mars 2022, le CRTC a reçu une demande du gouverneur en conseil, en vertu de l'article 15 de la *Loi sur la radiodiffusion*, de trancher si RT et RT France devraient être retirées de la liste de services non canadiens autorisés au Canada.
- En réponse à cette demande, le CRTC a lancé une consultation publique le 3 mars 2022.
- Le CRTC a reçu un total de 373 interventions ; 350 étaient en faveur du retrait de RT et RT France des ondes canadiennes et 16 étaient pour leur maintien.
- Avant de lancer son examen, le Conseil avait reçu plusieurs plaintes du public canadien concernant la programmation de RT et à savoir si cette programmation est conforme aux objectifs de la politique énoncés dans la *Loi sur la radiodiffusion* et aux règlements de radiodiffusion du Conseil.
- La portée de cette procédure se limitait à RT et à RT France. Même si de nombreux intervenants ont soumis des commentaires qui s'appliquaient largement aux médias contrôlés et parrainés par l'État russe, le Conseil a limité son examen aux services identifiés dans la demande du gouvernement et dans l'avis de consultation du CRTC.
- Même si les fournisseurs de services de télévision canadiens avaient déjà retiré RT de leur grille de chaînes avant que le CRTC ne publie sa décision, ils ne seront plus autorisés à offrir RT et RT France dans le cadre de leurs services.
- Le Canada n'est pas le seul pays à avoir retiré RT et RT France de ses ondes. En mars 2022, l'Union européenne a interdit la diffusion de RT et Sputnik dans ses pays membres en réponse à l'invasion et le service a été retiré des ondes dans d'autres pays comme l'Australie.
- RT est un réseau de télévision international contrôlé par l'État russe. Le Conseil a autorisé la distribution de Russia Today au Canada en 2009, et celle de RT France en 2020.

Liens connexes

- [Décision de radiodiffusion CRTC 2022-68 - Examen de l'autorisation de distribuer Russia Today \(RT\) et RT France en vertu de la Liste de services de programmation et de stations non canadiens autorisés pour distribution](#)
- [Rapport faisant suite au décret C.P. 2022-0183 à savoir si RT et RT France devraient être retirés de la Liste de services de programmation et de stations non canadiens approuvés pour distribution \(la Liste\)](#)
- [Avis de consultation de radiodiffusion CRTC 2022-58 - Appel aux observations sur la pertinence de continuer à autoriser la distribution de RT au Canada](#)
- [Accès à une programmation télédiffusée non canadienne](#)
- [Décision de radiodiffusion CRTC 2020-281 - Ajout de RT France à la Liste de services de programmation et de stations non canadiens approuvés pour distribution](#)
- [Politique réglementaire de radiodiffusion CRTC 2009-676 - Ajout de Russia Today à la liste des services par satellite admissibles à une distribution en mode numérique](#)

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