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Incident Response Groupe
Groupe d'intervention en cas d'incident

Minutes

A virtual meeting of the Incident Response Group was held on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at 3:30 p.m.

Procès-verbal

Une réunion virtuelle du Groupe d'intervention en cas d'incident a eu lieu le samedi 12 février 2022 à 15h30.

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C O N F I D E N C E	<u>Present</u>	<u>Étaient présents</u>	D O C U M E N T C O N F I D E N C E
	The Prime Minister *(Mr. Trudeau), in the Chair, The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance *(Ms. Freeland), The Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities *(Mr. LeBlanc), The President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and Minister of Emergency Preparedness *(Mr. Blair), The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada *(Mr. Lametti), The Minister of Public Safety (Mr. Mendicino), The Minister of National Defence *(Ms. Anand), The Minister of Transport *(Mr. Alghabra), *Secure device	Le Premier ministre *(M. Trudeau), Président, La vice-première ministre et ministre des Finances *(Mme Freeland), Le ministre des Affaires Intergouvernementales, de l'Infrastructure et des Collectivités *(M. LeBlanc), Le président du Conseil privé de la Reine pour le Canada et ministre de la Protection civile *(M. Blair), Le ministre de la Justice et procureur général du Canada *(M. Lametti), Le ministre de la Sécurité publique *(M. Mendicino), La ministre de la Défense nationale *(Mme Anand), Le ministre des Transports *(M. Alghabra), *Appareil sécur	
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C Mr. W. Eyre
O Mr. B. Matthews
N (National Defence),
F Mr. J. Ossowski
I (Canadian Border Services Agency),
D Mr. D. Vignault
E (Canadian Security Intelligence
Service),
Ms. B. Lucki
N (Royal Canadian Mounted Police),
C Ms. K. Telford
E Mr. J. Broadhurst
C Mr. B. Clow
E Mr. J. Brodhead
Ms. S. Khalil
O Mr. B. Chin
F Mr. P. Proulx
Mr. C. Ahmed
Ms. M. Michel
(Prime Minister's Office),
T Mr. K. MacKillop
H Ms. L. Setlakwe
E Ms. J. Bogden
Mr. M. Vandergrift
Mr. M. MacDonald
Q Mr. J. Hutchison
U Ms. L. Baird
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E Ms. I. Neville
Ms. N. Boilard
U Mr. J. Waring
E Ms. S. Sortland
E Ms. K. Levesque
N Mr. D. Vanderlip
, Mr. J. Moran
(Privy Council Office),
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Interim Clerk of the Privy Council and
Secretary to the Cabinet
(Ms. J. Charette).

I The Deputy Clerk and Associate Secretary
V to the Cabinet
Y (Ms. N. Drouin).

C National Security and Intelligence Advisor
O to the Prime Minister
(Ms. J. Thomas).

Secretary
C Mr. S. Tupper
I (Privy Council Office).

Recording Secretary
L Ms. A. Davis
(Privy Council Office).

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U M. J. Ossowski
M (Agence des services frontaliers du Canada),
E M. D. Vignault
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R secrétaire du Cabinet
I (Mme J. Charette).

V La Sous-greffière et secrétaire associée du
É Cabinet
D (Mme N. Drouin).

L Conseillère à la sécurité nationale et au
A renseignement auprès du Premier ministre
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February 12, 2022
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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**GROUPE
D'INTERVENTION
EN CAS D'INCIDENT**

Le 12 février 2022
15h30 – 17h00

Vidéoconférence sécurisée

AGENDA

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Opening Remarks

Remarque d'ouverture

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The Prime Minister

confirmed that he has been speaking with a number of international partners and they are all expressing concern about Canada and our ability to handle it.

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Strategic Situation Overview

Aperçu de la situation stratégique

The National Security Intelligence Advisor provided a strategical situational overview, [REDACTED] with the weekend bringing more

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people to some protests. Multiple ports of entry (POEs) are now experiences blockages and “slow roll” vehicle activity has been an effective tactic. The latest tactic being used is to take children to the site to prevent police activity, as well as schools walking out to join the protest, or “slow rolls” through neighbourhoods with schools. Protesters are increasingly harnessing social media.

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While tracking social media does not fall into the mandates of the agencies involved in this issue

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In terms of specifics, the National Security Intelligence Advisor reported that the situation in Windsor remains very fluid with Law enforcement having begun to take action. In Ottawa we are seeing a significant escalation in the boldness of protesters. Social media continues to play an active role in the communication and organization of protesters across the country.

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Operational Updates

Mise à jour sur les opérations

The Minister of Public Safety

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There appear

to be two distinct movements involved in the blockades. The first is relatively harmless and happy with a strong relationship to faith communities. The second is more concerning and comprised of harder extremists trying to undermine government institutions and law enforcement. There are increasing reports of ex-military and ex-CAF members who are advising and instructing on the blockades.

In terms of specifics, the Minister of Public Safety indicated that in Fort Erie traffic appears to be moving well and is starting to disperse. In Emerson and Coutts there are a decreasing number of vehicles on side and despite blockages there are allowances for commercial trade. There appears to be a lack of a plan in Ottawa, with the Chief of Ottawa Police Service (OPS) having yet to approve the plan developed with the RCMP and OPP. During the discussion, confirmation was obtained that the OPS Chief of police accepted the plan and the Commissioner of the RCMP agreed to be able to provide additional details of the plan at the next call.

In Windsor, at approximately 11:00 hrs, police had to stall enforcement because of additional protesters on site. The most recent intelligence indicates there are approximately 500 protesters onsite right now, outnumbering police, and protesters are beginning to pool in adjacent parking lots. Enforcement action has begun in Windsor with ticketing and towing on Huron Church road which is the main road off the Ambassador bridge.

The Commissioner of the RCMP reported that the situation is evolving hour by hour. OPP is tracking protests in other areas including Thunder Bay and the GTA. In Windsor, notice was provided to protesters that they must cease blocking streets or face charges, but this notice needs to be followed up with enforcement actions. As of 09:00 hrs, some individuals had started to leave voluntarily but enforcement actions remain ongoing. At the Essex railway a decision was taken to remove railway equipment. At the Ambassador bridge there are over 500 protesters, no reports of injuries or arrests. Approximately 56 RCMP members are onsite along with 120 OPP members to support the Windsor Police. Following negotiations, the OPP delivered a letter signed by the Ontario Government to agree to meet protesters for constructive dialogue, contingent on the protests ending. The protesters did not accept this offer.

In Cornwall, there are 75 protesters onsite with 20-25 vehicles. Protesters are not on the bridge and traffic is moving in both directions. Police are present but there has not been a request to the RCMP for additional staff, and OPP and Akwesasne Police are on hand to support as needed.

In Ottawa, the Commissioner reported having a meeting with the OPS Chief and OPP Commissioner and noted that the mood on the ground has shifted to more hostility towards police. There are approximately 350 protesters on Parliament Hill and 400 on Wellington street with increased protest activities onsite. A number of additional convoys are reportedly travelling to Ottawa primarily from Quebec and the Sureté du Québec is monitoring this. There continue to be challenges working with the Integrated Planning Team in Ottawa around communication and decisively of the OPS Chief. Every request made by the OPS has been fulfilled with RCMP personnel exceeding the 250 agreed upon in the MOU.

In Coutts, the number of vehicles has been reduced from 250 to 40 but the situation continues to evolve. The operation is focused on assessing risks and engagement is ongoing with the Premier and with other Government officials. CBSA is assisting with traffic at the border and temporarily suspended commercial activity as of 13:00 hrs. The situation in Coutts is unique and there are heightened risks to safety of persons including police, including indications of weapons on site.

In Emerson, the POE remains open. There are approximately 35 vehicles and 20 individuals onsite. At other POEs, including in BC and NS, seem to be under control and not impacting traffic or Port operations at this time.

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The Prime Minister asked for an update on other POEs and what is being done to prevent further disruptions. The Minister of Public Safety and President of CBSA confirmed that there is real time reporting in all critical POEs and ongoing engagement with local law enforcement. If an authority or asset gap is identified, departments remain ready to respond. Currently it remains only the three blocked POEs. There was an attempt to block the Pacific Highway but police successfully thwarted this attempt.

The Minister of Transport confirmed that he is working with agencies or authorities of strategic infrastructure including airports, POEs and rail. Discussions to date have surfaced a potential need to ensure increased law enforcement presence at critical infrastructures to dissuade further protests. Transportation of dangerous goods enforcement officers are working with the OPS on enforcing laws where vehicles may be transporting fuel without proper licensing and some tickets have been issued. The Minister confirmed that he is working with provinces on securing tow trucks and that Alberta is looking to purchase at least 2 large tow trucks. Other provinces have been offered support to facilitate purchase agreements or services relating to tow trucks but have shown interest to date.

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On POEs, the Minister confirmed that he spoke to Manitoba and offered assistance and support and Manitoba indicated a sense that police were adequately managing the situations in Emerson and Winnipeg, the latter of which is seeing protests outside of their provincial legislature.

The Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities

provided an update on his engagement with provinces and territories

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The Minister of Emergency Preparedness and President of the Queen's Privy

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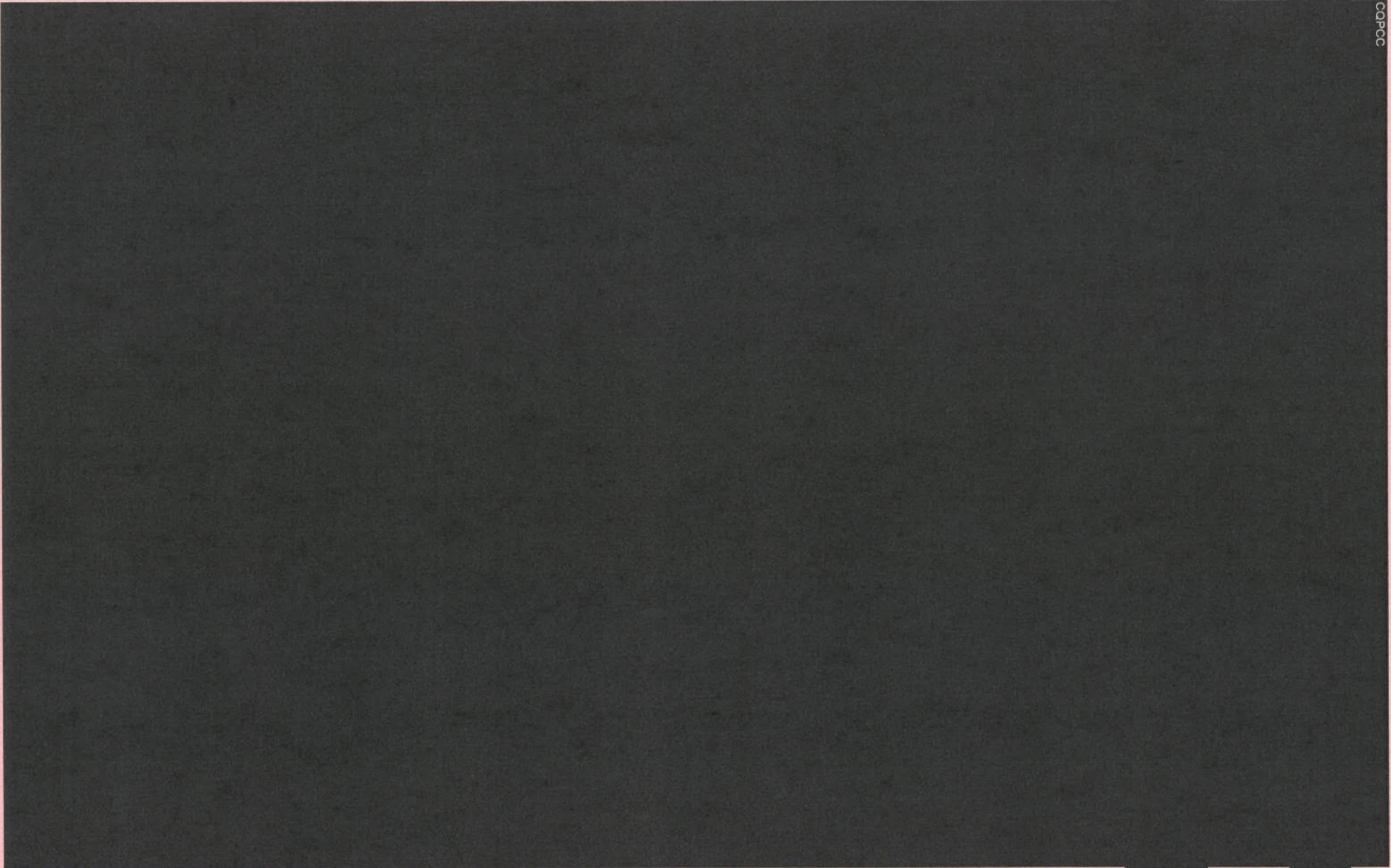
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Engagement Strategy

Stratégie de mobilisation

The Minister of Public Safety provided an update on potential engagement with leaders of the blockades, particularly in Ottawa, indicating that a document was shared outlining an early framework which includes the objective of de-escalating the situation and encouraging protesters to leave.

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Participants discussed how engagement was attempted by the Ontario Government in Windsor last night, via a letter and how the protesters rejected the offer to engage, resulting in enforcement actions beginning this morning.

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Wrap-Up

Conclusion

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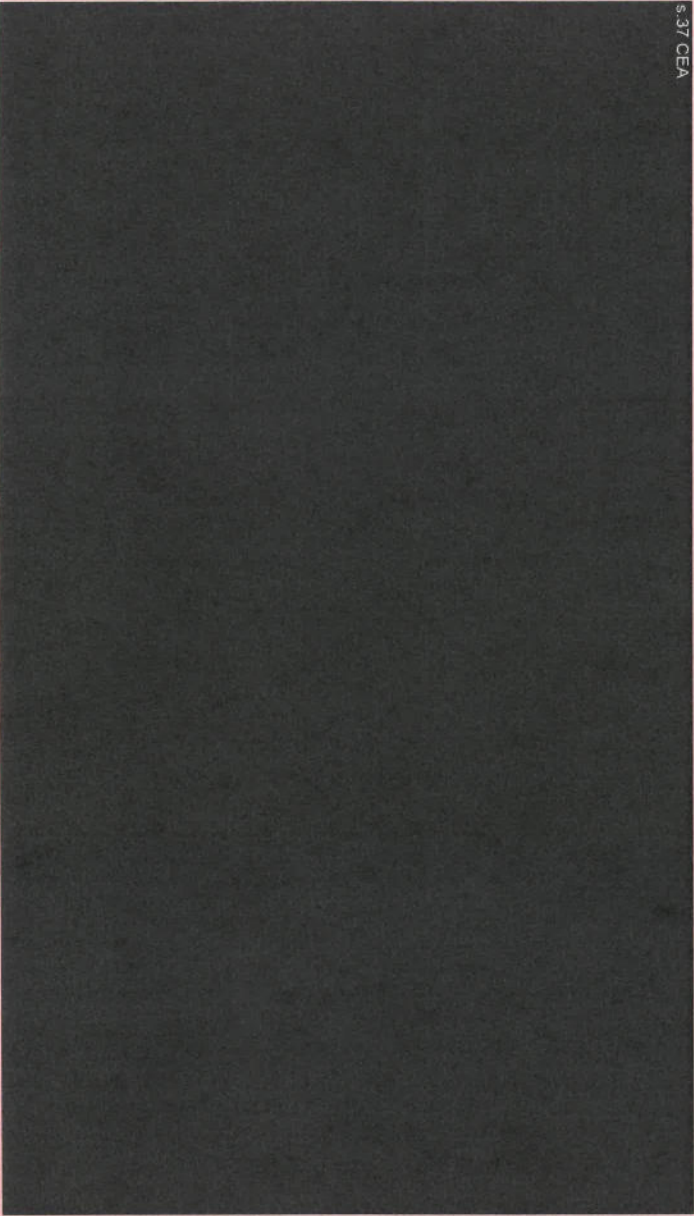


The Prime Minister confirmed that another IRG would occur on Sunday, February 13, 2022.

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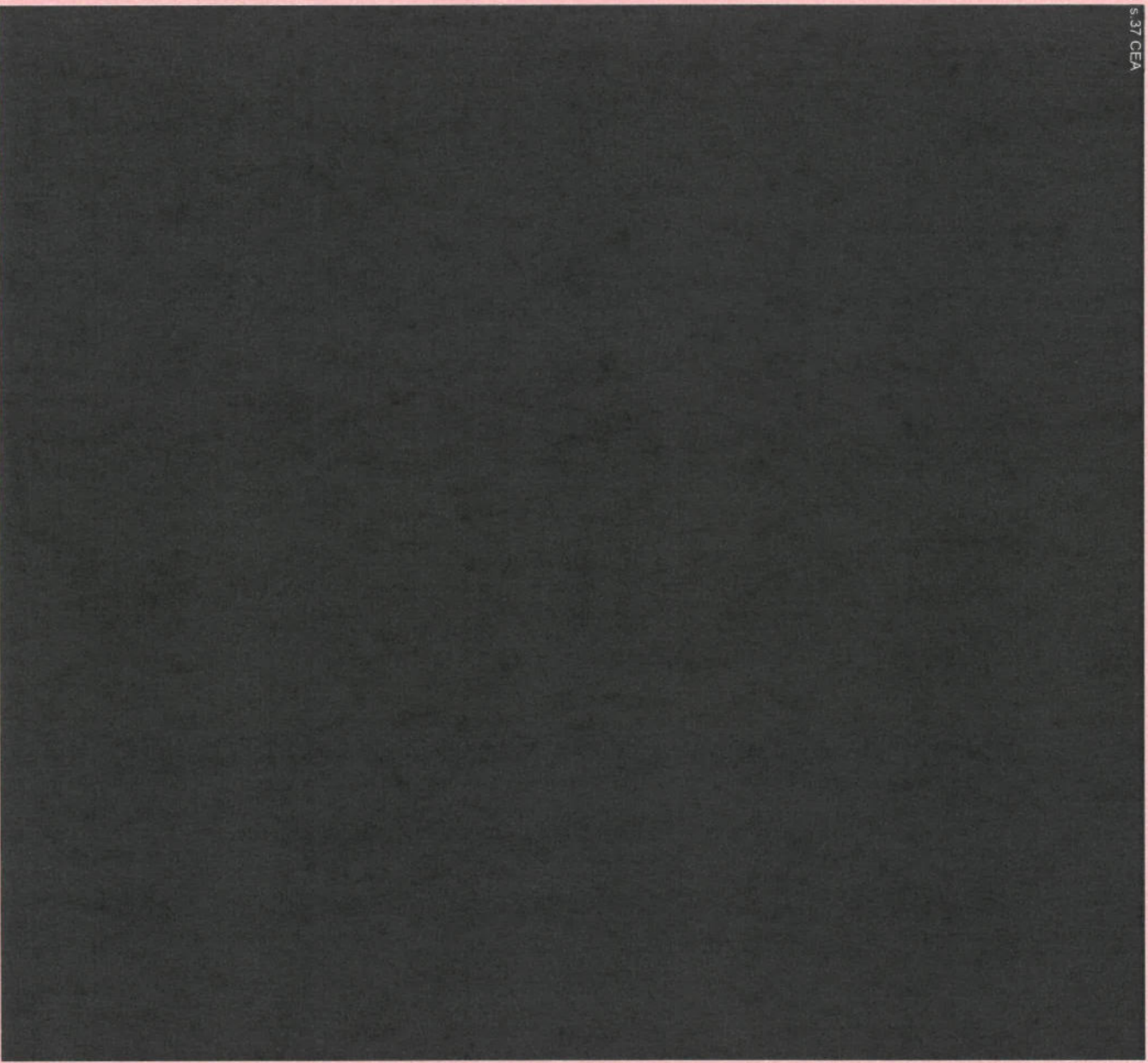
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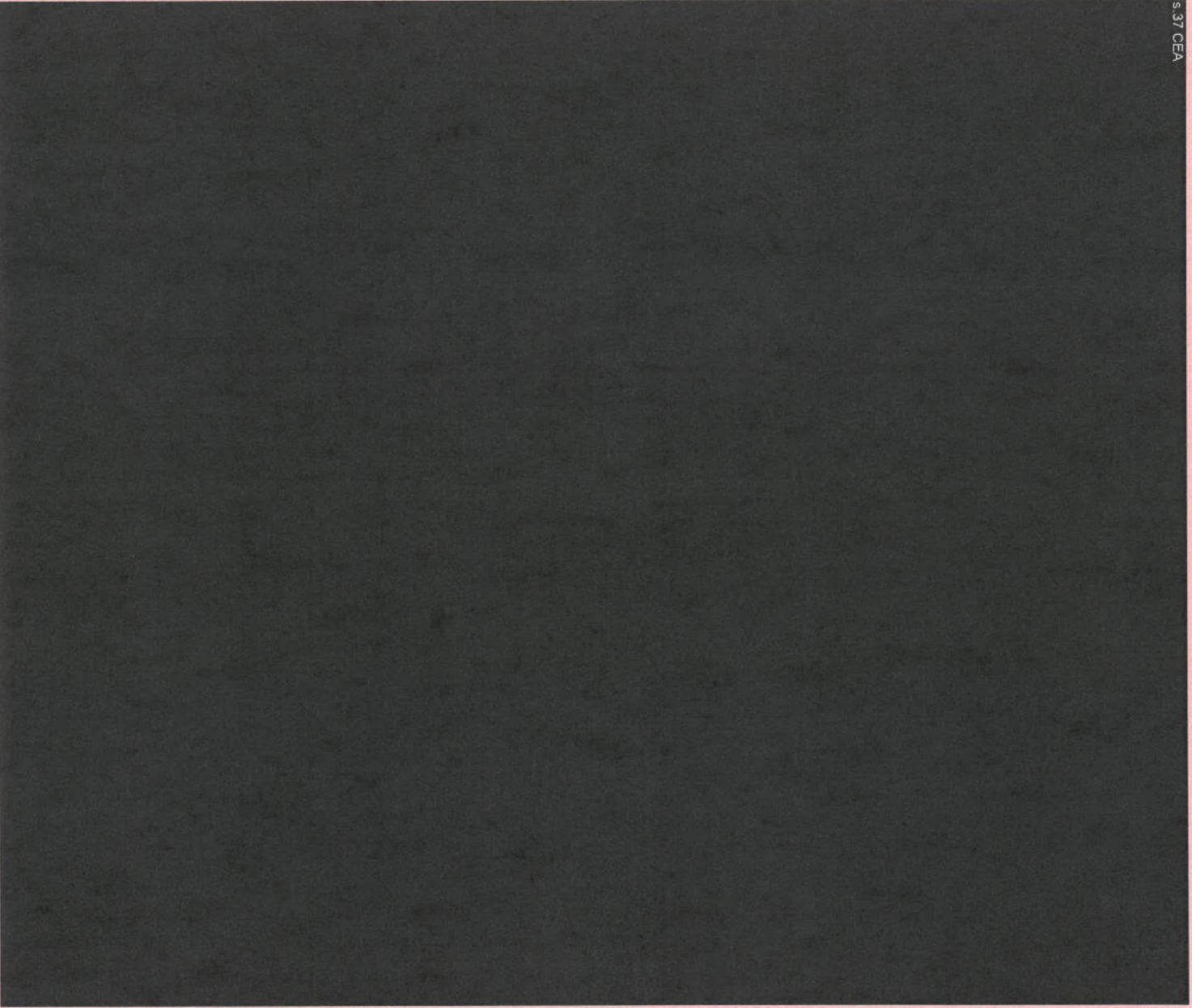
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IRG TRACKER

Track 1

Item	Details	Lead	Supporting Department	Status	Documents Received	Notes
1. Identify a clear leadership table within the federal government to establish clear information sharing	Establish regular Deputy Minister calls	NSIA to set up daily DMOC calls		Ongoing. First daily meeting Feb 11		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Daily DMOC schedule established.
	Circulate daily PCO-NSIA led sit-reps (including information from all federal partners)	PCO/NSIA				
2. Collaborate with local and provincial police forces to identify resourcing needs, share with DM Table, especially in instances where the needs cannot be met, and outline where federal resourcing can fill gaps		RCMP				
3. Establish a mandate and terms for a potential lead federal negotiator, who this could be, who he or she would engage, etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Terms of Reference for engagementPotential federal interlocutor	PS			<div>s.37 CEA</div>	<div>s.37 CEA</div>
		NSIA				

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5. Action plan for tow trucks	Consult PCO Communications, IAS on roles and responsibilities	PCO-IAS	ITAC CSIS PS CSE PCO-Comms GAC DND RCMP GOC			<div>Identify additional reports that are being developed and share more broadly to aggregate intelligence (e.g., CSIS, ITAC)</div>
	Domestic tow truck support (e.g., Montreal)	TC	CBSA RCMP PSPC			<div>Need truck drivers, as many as possible to action direct seizures</div>
	Leverage procurement strategies (e.g., leverage preferred suppliers list)	TC				<div>Identify (with OPP and PSPC) procurement and contracting incentives/penalties</div>
	Identify available resources and equipment to support towing operations (e.g., police)	TC				<div>NSIA tasked clear plan with milestones to CBSA, RCMP, PSPC</div>

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6. Confirm protection of critical infrastructure and ports of entry at greatest risk	Engage TC, PS, CBSA to leverage existing information sources	PS	TC CBSA	Development of evergreen list in progress.	 COVID Mandate Protest Map Nation:  PS-SP-#4219079-v3-NCSB_-_CID_-_Conv  Protest POE List POJ Engagement 202202  Backgrounder on Ambassador Bridge B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Stand up vigilance at key pointsTC engaged with airports, railways; CBSA do the same re bridgesCBSA requires concrete plans POEsCan reroute some traffic but hard to reroute all without major disruptionCBSA to follow up with each POE to make sure that they have enough resources on hand or identify additional needsNeed to identify critical infrastructure aside from POEs (i.e. bridges, tunnels, power plants, communications equipment, etc.)
7. Further define and elaborate on potential consequences for protestors	Potential TC measures under the <i>Canada Transportation Act</i> (e.g., AMPs, fines, etc.)	TC	PS DoJ PCO CPIC IRCC			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Comms – refining this narrative as we can clearly shape the specifics for Ontario
	Leverage potential/upcoming provincial measures (e.g., truck seizures, applying financial penalties, prosecuting criminal actions)					<ul style="list-style-type: none">RCMP talking with Chiefs of Police next week on changes of legislation and approaches to protest acts (i.e. AB critical infrastructure defense act)
8. Explore potential immigrations measures	Assess options for border/immigration measures and mobility consequences.	IRCC	CBSA DOJ RCMP PS		 Border Measures and Mobility Consequence	

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						<div>s.38 CEA</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Other potential immigration measures - other tools we have at the border to stop people x/
9. Explore options for FPT engagement	FMM and/or bilateral calls	PCO-IGA	PS (FPT Table)		<div> Engagement with PTs.docx</div>	<div>s.38 CEA</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Prepare for FMM (essential in a track 2 scenario)Focus on FPT information-sharing through operational leadsContinue using PS FPT table (with TC) as main officials forumIGA network used to direct to PS table; maintain open lines of communicationOngoing bilateral engagement locally and via lead ministersConsider how other existing FPT tables may be activated quickly, as needed (but avoid disconnected discussions at too many tables)PS is organizing a call Feb 13 with IRCC, CBSA <div>s.38 CEA</div>

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Track 2

Item	Details	Lead	Supporting Department	Status	Documents Received	Summary
Assess utility of other tools that do not require invoking the Emergencies Act	[REDACTED]					[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]					[REDACTED]	
Scenario Planning		PS	PCO-EMS DOJ RCMP DND TC CBSA			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify operational scenarios, what are the roles of various departments, what authorities exist, and what authorities may be required to fill gaps.
Objectives for Track 2 invocation – WHAT are we seeking to achieve from EA to clearly scope the operational plan						


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Emergencies Act operationalization	IDTF	PCO	DND CAF RCMP NSIA			<div><div>SECRET</div><div>• Develop tactical operational plan.</div><div>• How does this get communicated?</div><div>• Gold/silver/bronze team in place to assess the EA in a RCMP leadership space</div><div>• We need scenario planning to show how bad things could actually get</div><div>• What are the federal assets needed to deal with the scenarios, how would we deal with them, the</div></div>


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Item	Details	Lead	Supporting Department	Status	Documents Received	Summary
						authorities needed, the worst-case scenario in terms of doing this track 2 work

Additional Documents:


Blockades - Feb 11, 2022.docx


Feb 12 AM Sit Rep.docx


Ambassador Bridge - Impacts.docx