



OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY
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Inspector General of the Intelligence Community Hosts Canadian Intelligence Oversight Delegation

(October 3, 2018) Inspector General of the Intelligence Community Michael K. Atkinson, along with the Inspectors General from the United States Department of Justice, National Reconnaissance Office, and National Security Agency, hosted an information exchange with their Canadian counterparts from the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC). SIRC is an independent Canadian government agency responsible for reviewing the operations of Canada's security service, the Canadian Intelligence Security Service.

The delegations exchanged information and views on subjects of mutual interest, including communication of oversight matters with legislative authorities, increased transparency efforts, and the various ways the oversight authorities set investigation, audit, and review priorities. As part of their discussions on increased transparency efforts, the Canadian delegation received a presentation from Alexander W. Joel, the Chief of the Office of Civil Liberties, Privacy, and Transparency with the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI). The Canadian delegation also received a tour of the operations center at ODNI's National Counterterrorism Center.

The information exchange preceded the annual meeting of the Five Eyes Intelligence Oversight and Review Council (the FIOR Council) held in Canberra, Australia, from October 8-9, 2018. The FIOR Council was created in the spirit of the existing Five Eyes partnership, the intelligence alliance comprising Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The FIOR Council is comprised of the following non-political intelligence oversight, review, and security entities of the Five Eyes countries: the Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security of Australia; the Office of the Communications Security Establishment Commissioner and the Security and Intelligence Review Committee of Canada; the Commissioner of Intelligence Warrants and the Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security of New Zealand; the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office of the United Kingdom; and the Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community of the United States. The Council members exchange views on subjects of mutual interest and concern; compare best practices in review and oversight methodology; explore areas where cooperation on reviews and the sharing of results is permitted where appropriate; encourage transparency to the largest extent possible to enhance public trust; and maintain contact with political offices, oversight and review committees, and non-Five Eyes countries as appropriate.

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