



STATEMENT

Conservatives call out the Liberal government on its failure to comply with the House of Commons Motion on China

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Ottawa, ON – The Hon. Michael Chong, Conservative Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, today released the following statement on the Liberals’ failure to comply with a motion adopted by the House of Commons:

“On November 18, 2020, the House of Commons adopted a motion calling on the government to make a decision on Huawei’s involvement in Canada’s 5G network and to introduce a robust plan to counter China’s growing foreign interference operations here in Canada, both within 30 days.

“This motion, while not binding in a statutory sense, is binding in a normative sense.

“The Liberal government has failed to comply with the part of the motion concerning Huawei. In doing so, they have failed to uphold democratic norms. This failure is not surprising. It has been over two years since the House of Commons adopted a motion calling on the Liberal government to list the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a terrorist organization. The government has yet to comply with that motion.

“On Friday, the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, the Hon. Bill Blair, released a letter regarding foreign interference in Canada. This letter merely summarizes what the government has been doing to address foreign interference, which has proven to be woefully inadequate. It does not include a robust plan to counter China’s foreign interference operations in Canada, as the motion calls for.

“The Trudeau government’s failure to comply with the motion undermines democratic norms, while failing to address threats to Canada from Communist China. It’s time the Trudeau government respected the will of Parliament. It’s time they acknowledge their approach to the China isn’t working. It’s time they recognize the real threat China is posing to Canada’s national interest and our values, make a decision on Huawei and introduce a robust plan to counter China’s growing foreign interference operations here in Canada.”

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