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Importance: High

Hi everyone,

We received the following media request from Global News.

Reporter: Sam Cooper

Outlet: Global

Deadline: Today (afternoon)

Request: *I'm looking at a story regarding self-reported UFWD actors and associates answering calls from Chinese consulates in Canada, to travel widely in Canada procuring PPEs, in order to ship to China, in the early part of this year. According to the reports from official Chinese government and CCP-media sources below, some of these UFWD entities may be involved in shipping PPE back to Canada and US, specifically to 'overseas Chinese' members in need in certain areas.*

1. *May I ask, if CSIS or the government of Canada can comment on reasons for visa actions taken against one of the self-reported actors in this global PPE effort, the Guangdong Community Federation –*
2. *Is CSIS or the government of Canada interested in monitoring whether actors linked to China could be involved in trading or hoarding of PPE supplies needed by Canadian professionals on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic response?*
3. *Actors associated to the Canada Chao Shan group, which is a self-identified associate of the Guangdong Community Federation, are listed in Panama Papers databases which include the address of a director convicted of drug offenses and associated to 'Vancouver Model' casino loan sharking networks in BC – is it possible that groups with connections to the UFWD and organized crime are operating in Canada to secure PPE from Canadian retailers – and if so, does the government of Canada have a response, and is CSIS empowered under national security laws to respond to the PPE operations?*

We're currently working on a response which I'll send once we have internal approval.

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