



Charter of the Five Eyes Intelligence Oversight and Review Council

1. Parties to the Charter

Within the framework and in the spirit of the existing Five Eyes partnership, the following revised Charter is adopted to continue the Five Eyes Intelligence Oversight and Review Council (the Council) between:

- The Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security of Australia;
- The National Security and Intelligence Review Agency of Canada, and the Office of the Intelligence Commissioner;
- The Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security of New Zealand, and the Commissioners of Intelligence Warrants;
- 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

as the non-political intelligence oversight and review organizations of the member countries (Council Members).

Each organization shall be an equal Council Member and represented on the Council by senior officials with the appropriate security clearances.

2. Scope and Objectives

This Charter covers the relations of the Council Members. The items noted below are subject to any applicable member country's legal and/or policy restrictions on information sharing with other Council Members.

The Council is established with the purpose of creating a forum where Council Members may:

- Exchange views on subjects of mutual interest and concern;
- Exchange knowledge, experience and best practices in review and oversight;
- Exchange work methodologies, workplans and programmes;
- Explore areas of cooperation on reviews and the sharing of results;
- Encourage independence and transparency to the largest extent possible to enhance public trust;
- Maintain contact with oversight and review organizations, and non-Five Eyes countries as appropriate; and
- Form staff networks to cooperate on areas of mutual interest – see Annex A, which shall be considered an integral part of this Charter.

3. Meetings of the Council

- (a) The Council shall hold at least one in person meeting annually. The hosting of these meetings will rotate between Council Members by agreement. The number of designees with appropriate clearances that can attend on behalf of each Council Member shall be determined and communicated in advance by the host Member.
- (b) The Council shall, on a quarterly basis, hold meetings remotely using an agreed means of communication. Each designee attending on behalf of their Council Member must hold the appropriate security clearances.

4. Operational Guideline

Whereas it is recognized that the intelligence agencies of the Five Eyes countries cooperate operationally under formal or informal agreements and whereas each member country has a variation of law on security of information or official secrets binding officials to secrecy, Council Members commit to facilitating information sharing and collaboration between themselves to advance the stated objectives noted at 2 above where appropriate and within the respective limits imposed by law, executive or ministerial direction, or other binding authority. It is recognized and agreed by the Council Members that the extent of information that may be shared between Council Members may be defined by or dependent upon the extent of agreements between Five Eyes intelligence agencies.

5. Executive Secretariat

There is established an Executive Secretariat of the Council to support and coordinate the functions and business of the Council. The Executive Secretariat will be responsible for scheduling meetings, distributing documents, providing agreed content for publication on the website, planning of the annual meeting it is hosting and documenting action items. That host Executive Secretariat will produce the summary of the associated annual meeting. The Executive Secretariat shall rotate based on the country that is hosting the next annual meeting noted at 3(a) above.

The Council's webpage will be hosted by the Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community (IC IG) of the United States.

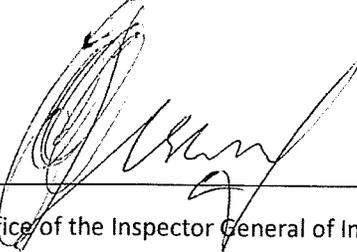
6. Amendment and Termination of Charter

This Charter may be amended or terminated completely or in part at any time by mutual agreement of all Council Members. Participation or membership by any one Council Member may be terminated at any time upon written notice to all other Council Members. If any Council Member is renamed or replaced, that Council Member may continue or discontinue membership by written notice to all other Council Members.

7. Activation, Implementation and Review of the Charter

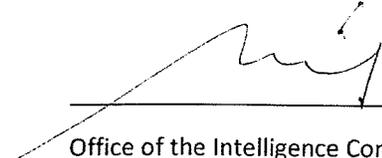
The prior Charter of the Council signed 2 October 2017 is revoked.

This revised Charter becomes effective on the date of the last signature of the duly authorized representative of each Council Member. Its implementation will be arranged by the Executive Secretariat with the agreement and advice of the Council Members. This Charter is not legally binding and will be reviewed in three years from the date of signing.



Office of the Inspector General of Intelligence
and Security, Australia

16/10/25
Date



Office of the Intelligence Commissioner, Canada

16/10/25
Date



National Security and Intelligence Review Agency, Canada

16/10/25
Date



Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and
Security, New Zealand

16/10/25
Date



Commissioner of Intelligence Warrants, New Zealand

16/10/25

Date



Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office, United Kingdom

16 Oct 2025

Date



Office of the Intelligence Community Inspector General,
United States

12 DEC 2025

Date

Annex A

Council Networks

1. Council networks shall aim to meet quarterly or when determined by each network for purposes including but not limited to:
 - a) Facilitating discussions on changes in review, oversight, technology, law, and public engagement;
 - b) Facilitating cooperation on matters of joint interest, sharing learning and best practices;
 - c) Presenting on specific published decisions, reviews or elements of Council Members' annual reports; and
 - d) Addressing any other issue as directed by the Council.
2. The Council Member responsible for leading each network will be agreed upon annually by the Council Members.
3. Council networks shall designate points of contact to be shared within networks.
4. Council networks will explore opportunities for greater cooperation including interagency secondments to foster exchanges of best practices and subject matter expertise.