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PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE on INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY

Review of the re-listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation

Report into Re-Listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation tabled

The PJCIS's Report *Review of the re-listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation* was tabled in the House of Representatives on 28 June 2012.

Under section 102.1A of the Criminal Code Act 1995 the Committee may review the regulations, specifying an organisation as a terrorist organisation, as soon as possible after the making of the regulation.

Hizballah's External Security Organisation was initially listed in 2003 under legislative arrangements which required that, for an organisation to be listed, it had to be on the United Nations list of terrorist organisations. The ESO came up for review under the current proscription regime in 2005, in 2007 and in 2009. This review was the fourth re-listing of ESO as a terrorist organisation.

The Committee made it very clear that this was not a listing of the entire Hizballah organisation. The External Security Organisation is a discrete branch within Lebanese Hizballah responsible for the planning, coordination and execution of terrorist attacks against Hizballah's enemies outside of Lebanon.

The Committee found that the Hizballah ESO continues to engage in activities that satisfy section 102.1 of the Criminal Code.

The Committee recommended that this organisation should continue to be listed as a terrorist organisation.

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