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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONOURABLE DON MAZANKOWSKI

Letter from Mr. Hnatyshyn

The attached letters have been prepared for your signature, if you agree. Your response to Mr. Hnatyshyn's letter indicates that a discussion of DND's proposal to issue a new Canadian Forces Administrative Order on inappropriate sexual behaviour is scheduled for the December 7 meeting of the Operations Committee, and that both he and Mr. Beatty are invited to attend. We have also prepared for your signature a letter to Mr. Beatty forwarding copies of your correspondence with Mr. Hnatyshyn and inviting him to the Operations Committee meeting.

In his letter, Mr. Hnatyshyn suggests that DND's proposed policy on sexual behaviour should be discussed at CCSD in the context of a discussion of the Government's policy on sexual orientation, including Mr. Hnatyshyn's proposal to add sexual orientation to the grounds of discrimination in the Canadian Human Rights Act.

You will recall that, because of the controversial nature of the amendment on sexual orientation, the CHRA amendments were put on hold last February after discussion with the Prime Minister. As Mr. Hnatyshyn suggests, however, the Operations Committee may want to consider the potential linkage between the proposed Administrative Order for the Canadian Forces and the CHRA amendments during its discussion. Our briefing note will address this issue.

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