

OTTAWA, January 7, 2016 - In response to recent media reports regarding the application of Order in Council PC 2015-1071, the Chief Administrator of the Courts Administration Service (CAS) is releasing the following statement on behalf of the Chief Justices of the Federal Court of Appeal, the Federal Court, the Court Martial Appeal Court of Canada and the Tax Court of Canada: The Chief Justices share the position conveyed today by the Chief Justice of Canada. They are also encouraged by the federal government's response to their concerns about the impact of this Order in Council on judicial independence and are expecting a satisfactory resolution of the issue shortly. For further information contact: Richard Tardif Deputy Chief Administrator Judicial and Registry Services Courts Administration Service richard.tardif@cas-satj.gc.ca Tel: 613-943-3458