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## SUBJECT: STEPHEN HARPER

## UNCLASSIFIED // OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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### Executive Summary (BLUF)

*Stephen Joseph Harper, former 22nd Prime Minister of Canada (2006-2015), remains a prominent figure in international business and conservative political advocacy post-premiership. His political tenure was characterized by a distinct shift in Canadian foreign policy towards a more assertive, values-driven approach, enhanced cooperation with the United States, and strong support for Israel, alongside increased military engagement in conflicts such as Afghanistan and Libya. Domestically, his administration focused on conservative economic policies including tax cuts and budget balancing. While no direct evidence of current warmongering, human rights abuses, or illicit financial networks by Stephen Harper himself is identified from open sources, his government faced significant public and international criticism regarding human rights records, parliamentary accountability,*

and financial management practices during his time in office. Post-premiership, he is engaged in various high-profile consulting, investment, and advisory roles globally, which are publicly known and legally constituted.

#### **Threat Level: Low**

The analyzed open-source intelligence does not indicate direct personal involvement by Stephen Harper in current activities constituting warmongering, human rights abuses, or illicit financial networks that would warrant a higher threat classification. Documented criticisms largely pertain to policy decisions and governance during his prime ministership or his public advocacy roles. His current activities are within established legal and public frameworks for former heads of government. Continuous monitoring of his extensive international advisory and investment network is recommended for any emergent, verifiable indicators of concern.

#### **IDENTITY & VERIFICATION**

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- **Full Name:** Stephen Joseph Harper
- **Date of Birth:** April 30, 1959
- **Place of Birth:** Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- **Nationality:** Canadian
- **Aliases/Known Affiliations:**
  - The Right Honourable Stephen Harper
  - Chairman, International Democracy Union (since 2018)
  - Chairman and CEO, Harper & Associates Consulting (founded 2016)
  - Co-founder and Chairman, Vision One (Miami, Florida-based investment fund)
  - Director, Colliers International Group Inc.
  - Director, Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc.
  - Director, Recover Inc.
  - President of the Advisory Committee, Awz Ventures (Canadian-Israeli venture capital firm)

- Chairman, Friends of Israel Initiative
- Member, Global Advisory Board of India's Observer Research Foundation
- Strategic Director, Yaletown
- Chairman, Alberta Investment Management Corporation (AIMCo) (appointed November 2024)
- Former Leader, Conservative Party of Canada (2004–2015)
- Former Member of Parliament (Calgary West, 1993–1997; Calgary Southwest, 2002–2015; Calgary Heritage, 2015–2016)
- **Locations:**
  - Resides in Alberta, Canada
  - Harper & Associates Consulting based in Calgary
  - Works out of Dentons law firm office in Calgary for consulting activities

## HUMAN RIGHTS & LEGAL COMPLIANCE AUDIT

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*A review of public records indicates that while Stephen Harper himself has not been personally implicated in direct violations of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) or current human rights abuses, his government's policies and actions during his premiership (2006–2015) garnered significant criticism from national and international human rights organizations and committees. No evidence suggests current engagement in such violations post-premiership.*

### Key Criticisms and Allegations During Premiership (2006–2015):

- **Indigenous Rights:** The UN Human Rights Committee (2015) and Human Rights Watch (2016) criticized his government for inaction on missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in Canada, and for rejecting calls for a national public inquiry. Allegations of spying on an Indigenous child welfare advocate were also reported.
- **Civil Liberties & Anti-Terrorism Legislation:** Concerns were raised by the UN Human Rights Committee (2015) and Human Rights Watch (2016) regarding Bill C-51 (Anti-Terrorism Act), which was critiqued for allowing mass surveillance, excessive information sharing, and

imperiling constitutionally enshrined human rights, including freedom of expression and association.

- **Accountability & Transparency:** His government faced allegations of shutting down parliamentary investigations, including one into Afghan detainee torture claims by Canadian soldiers, through prorogation of Parliament. Reports also indicate his government was found in contempt of Parliament for refusing to disclose financial information related to major government initiatives.
- **Immigration & Refugee Policies:** Changes made to the Canadian immigration and refugee system were criticized by the UN Human Rights Committee, citing concerns about indefinite detention of migrants without due process or mental health support.
- **Judicial & Advocacy Programs:** Criticism emerged over his administration's elimination of the Court Challenges Program, which provided funding for individuals to challenge discriminatory government legislation, thereby limiting access to justice for marginalized groups. Harper himself made statements critical of human rights commissions, calling them an "attack on our fundamental freedoms."
- **Capital Punishment Stance:** His government reversed a long-standing Canadian policy of automatically requesting clemency for citizens sentenced to capital punishment abroad, and Harper publicly affirmed his personal support for capital punishment.
- **International Trade and Corporate Responsibility:** Human Rights Watch noted Canada's failure to ensure Canadian companies respect human rights when doing business abroad.

## FINANCIAL FORENSIC ANALYSIS

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*Stephen Harper's financial activities post-premiership are primarily centered around consulting, strategic advisory, and investment roles. Public records indicate a substantial accumulation of wealth through legitimate, high-profile engagements after leaving public office. No open-source intelligence suggests involvement in hidden assets, shell companies for illicit purposes, or current financial illicit networks. However, his government faced several controversies related to financial*

| *management and accountability during his time as Prime Minister.*

**Post-Premiership Financial Activities (Since 2015):**

- **Harper & Associates Consulting:** Established in 2016, this global strategic advisory firm provides counsel to business leaders, particularly in financial services, technology, and energy sectors, focusing on navigating international markets and geopolitical risk.
- **Vision One:** Co-founder and Chairman of this Miami, Florida-based value-oriented investment fund.
- **Board Memberships:** Serves as a Director for publicly traded companies including Colliers International Group Inc., Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc., and Recover Inc.
- **Awz Ventures:** President of the Advisory Committee for this Canadian-Israeli venture capital firm specializing in cybersecurity, intelligence, and security technology.
- **Alberta Investment Management Corporation (AIMCo):** Appointed Chairman in November 2024, overseeing an entity managing over \$160 billion in assets, including Alberta's pension funds. He will serve without salary in this role.
- **Authorship & Speaking Engagements:** Author of "Right Here, Right Now: Politics and Leadership in the Age of Disruption" (2018) and a frequent speaker on geopolitical trends, populism, and business.

**Allegations of Financial Mismanagement / Impropriety During Premiership:**

- **Senate Expense Scandal:** A major scandal in 2013 involved improper use of housing and travel allowances by senators, three of whom were Harper appointees. His chief of staff was implicated for personally repaying one senator's expenses, leading to questions about Harper's knowledge and the integrity of his office.
- **Contempt of Parliament:** In 2011, his government was found in contempt of Parliament for failing to provide requested budgetary information related to corporate tax cuts and the F-35 fighter jet program costs.
- **G8 Funding Misuse:** Allegations surfaced regarding the misuse of G8 "legacy" funds in 2010, with a senior cabinet minister reportedly

directing a significant amount to his own riding for projects including a gazebo.

- **Electoral Spending Violations:** The Conservative Party was fined for breaking electoral rules in the "in-and-out" affair concerning campaign advertising spending limits. A Conservative MP was found guilty of overspending in the 2008 federal election.
- **F-35 Fighter Jet Procurement:** Accusations of deliberately understating the costs of purchasing F-35 fighter jets, leading to a major controversy over transparency.

#### Net Worth:

- As of 2015, public estimates placed his net worth at approximately \$5,000,000, with expectations for it to grow significantly through post-premiership endeavors. This accumulation is consistent with compensation packages and subsequent high-level private sector and advisory roles typical for former heads of government.

## WARMONGERING & CONFLICT MITIGATION ANALYSIS

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*During his tenure as Prime Minister, Stephen Harper steered Canada's foreign policy towards a more assertive and interventionist stance, emphasizing "principled diplomacy" and a strong defense of national interests and values. This represented a notable departure from Canada's traditional multilateral and peacekeeping-focused approach. While his rhetoric sometimes employed a "Manichean view" of the world, his actions were consistent with Canada's role as a NATO member in various international conflicts and humanitarian initiatives. No open-source intelligence indicates personal warmongering activities post-premiership.*

#### Foreign Policy Stance & Rhetoric:

- **Shift from Traditional Diplomacy:** Harper's foreign policy moved away from the multilateralism, peacekeeping, and conflict resolution emphasized by previous Liberal governments, reducing Canada's emphasis on the United Nations in some contexts.
- **"Harper Doctrine":** Characterized by unconditional support for Israel,

robust Arctic sovereignty, and closer security and commercial relationship with the United States. He described the world as "dangerous" and "power is shifting," emphasizing that "strength is not an option: it is a vital necessity" and taking "strong, principled positions" globally.

- **Values-Based Approach:** Advocated for a foreign policy driven by values, even if it meant taking unpopular stances or "standing alone."

#### Involvement in Conflicts & Military Actions (During Premiership):

- **War in Afghanistan:** His government continued and expanded Canada's participation in the US-led War in Afghanistan, extending the combat role and visiting troops on the front lines.
- **Libyan Civil War:** Led Canada's involvement in the NATO-led intervention in Libya in 2011.
- **Syrian Civil War / Islamic State:** Harper's government committed Canada to a limited air role in military efforts against the Islamic State terrorist group in Syria and Iraq.
- **Ukraine-Crimea Crisis:** A vocal critic of Russia's aggression toward Ukraine and the annexation of Crimea, Harper visited Ukraine to express support and announced sanctions against those involved. Canada also rushed forces to respond to the Russian annexation.
- **Support for Israel:** Applied a "relentless" and "unconditional" support for Israel throughout his premiership, making Canada one of the few nations to consistently vote with the US and Israel on related UN resolutions. He became the first Canadian Prime Minister to address the Knesset in 2014.
- **NATO Engagement:** Strengthened Canada's commitment to NATO, participating in all post-Cold War NATO operations and increasing Canadian presence in operations.

#### Conflict Mitigation Efforts:

- Despite the emphasis on military action, his government also engaged in international development challenges, notably securing nearly \$11 billion in new funding under the Muskoka Initiative to improve the health of mothers and children in impoverished nations. He also

highlighted Canada's reconstruction efforts in Haiti and contributions to peace and security in Africa.

- Harper's government focused on building the G20, IMF, and other multilateral forums for economic coordination during the global financial crisis.

## NETWORK ANALYSIS

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### Stephen Harper's Public and Professional Network

## CONCLUSION & STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS

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*Stephen Harper has transitioned from a prominent political career as Canada's Prime Minister to a robust and diverse portfolio in global consulting, investment, and international political advocacy. His post-premiership engagements, including leadership roles in Harper & Associates, Vision One, and his recent appointment as Chairman of AIMCo, are consistent with the career paths of many former heads of state and are publicly documented and legally structured. There is no open-source evidence suggesting his current personal involvement in warmongering, human rights abuses, or illicit financial networks.*

*However, analysis of his political tenure reveals significant and substantiated criticisms regarding his government's approach to human rights (particularly concerning Indigenous populations and civil liberties), parliamentary accountability, and financial management. His foreign policy was marked by a departure from traditional Canadian diplomacy, favoring a more assertive, values-driven stance with increased military engagement and strong alliances. These historical policy decisions and their documented impacts remain relevant for understanding his influence and perspective in his current advisory roles.*

### Strategic Recommendations:

- **Continuous Monitoring of Influence:** Maintain ongoing surveillance of Stephen Harper's extensive network within international political organizations (e.g., International Democracy Union, Friends of Israel

Initiative) and global business entities, particularly those in financial services, technology, and energy, to assess potential geopolitical influence or policy advocacy.

- **Transparency Oversight:** Given his new, high-level, unpaid role as Chairman of AIMCo, and the significant public funds involved, monitor public reporting from AIMCo and relevant Alberta government bodies to ensure full transparency and ethical compliance.
- **Issue-Specific Scrutiny:** Should any of his affiliated organizations or his personal advocacy intersect with regions or issues previously identified for human rights concerns or conflict (e.g., Middle East, Ukraine, Indigenous rights), conduct targeted OSINT collection to ensure adherence to international norms and laws.
- **Media and Public Discourse Analysis:** Continue to analyze his public statements, publications, and media appearances for indications of evolving geopolitical perspectives or policy stances that could influence international relations or domestic governance.

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