Subject: Unauthorized Release of Information//Divulgation non-autorisée d'information

Le texte français suit.

Refs: A. CANFORGEN 224/11 Classification, Designation, Safeguarding, Access To and Release of Information
B. DAOD 2008-0 Public Affairs Policy
C. DAOD 2008-2 Media Relations and Public Announcements
D. DAOD 6003-0 Information Technology Security
E. National Defence Security Policy

Gentlemen,

As in the previous year, the Army is still experiencing instances of information and documents being released, or "leaked" to media agencies and other unauthorized recipients. The references above outline the CAF policies on the release of information and the recent examples are all contrary to these regulations. In addition to being a breech of DND rules, these incidents also represent a serious lapse in the ethical judgement and behaviour of some of our members who are tasked with handling information that may be of a sensitive nature.

The unauthorized release of information negatively impacts the credibility of our institution, our center of gravity. It is hurting the Army, it is counter-productive, and it needs to stop. These acts are punishable under the references and I intend to pursue disciplinary action against any member of the Army who is found complicit in the unauthorized release of information.

I encourage you to remind all personnel of the existing regulations which guide their actions as well as the potential repercussions that a disregard of these regulations may have, both personally and institutionally.

The Canadian Army is made of ethical warriors and I expect that our soldiers' ethical judgement, supported by strong leadership, will guide their actions in the rare cases where regulations could be unclear.

Début du texte français

Réf: A. CANFORGEN 224/11 Classification, désignation, protection et diffusion de l'information et accès à l'information
B. DOAD 2008-0 Politique des affaires publiques
C. DOAD 2008-2 Relations avec les médias et annonces publiques
D. DOAD 6003-0 Sécurité des technologie de l'information
E. Politique de sécurité de la Défence nationale