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Colleagues,

Due to current economic uncertainty and threat of U.S. tariffs, government ministries are pausing hiring and implementing more rigorous expenditure management controls. The current spending controls are summarized in a February 18, 2025 memo from Doug Scott, Deputy Minister and Secretary to Treasury Board to Deputy Ministers (please see the confidential memo attached).

While this directive only applies to core government, Public Sector Organizations are expected to consider the spirit and intent of the directive and make all efforts to pause hiring and reduce administrative and discretionary spending in the management of operations, programs, and services.

If you have questions, please contact the Deputy Minister or Executive Financial Officer in your ministry responsible.

Sincerely,

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