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<u>The Royal Alberta United Services Institute releases</u> <u>statement on removal of the Royal Patronage</u>

CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA, 14, January 2022 – The Royal Alberta United Services Institute (RAUSI), a Calgary-based think tank that specializes in security and defence, today announced that The Duke of York, Prince Andrew, has not served as a Patron of RAUSI since October 2021.

"RAUSI was honoured to be supported by the Royal Family when it was granted the royal prefix in 1975, and we have benefitted over the past 47 years from the status and eminence of our royal title," says Karen Storwick, M.S.M, RAUSI's Director of Communications. "RAUSI gratefully accepted their offer of a patronage at that time, however, when The Duke of York became embroiled in a criminal investigation, we terminated his patronage in October 2021."

RAUSI has formally terminated all association with The Duke of York and, as such, his lifetime membership will be revoked.

About The Royal Alberta United Services Institute

Formed in 1920 as a think tank, RAUSI later evolved into a service organization for veterans in the decades following the World Wars. In this new era, RAUSI has evolved back into a think tank with a focus on global security and defence issues.

More information about RAUSI can be found at https://rausi.ca/.

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