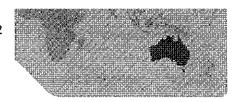
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Key messages

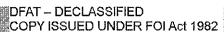
- Australia's decision to expel two Russian diplomats, under the Vienna Conventions, for actions inconsistent with their status
 s 7(2A)
- . This decision reflects the shocking nature of the nerve agent attack in Salisbury
 - a fundamental breach of international law prohibiting chemical weapons
 - there is no circumstance that justifies the use of such abhorrent weapons.
- . This decision is not directed at the Russian people
 - it is about the actions of the Russian Government recklessly undermining international law and the rules-based order.
- The UK has presented a compelling case for Russia's culpability. Russia had the opportunity to respond constructively, but instead chose to follow a path of misinformation, obfuscation and contradictory explanations

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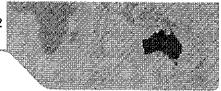




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- Russia has not offered any plausible alternative explanation
- if Russia was genuine, it should have responded constructively to the UK's questions
- and declare Novichok agents and production facilities, even those that existed during the Soviet period, under the Chemical Weapons Convention.
- We see the Salisbury incident as reflecting a broader pattern of reckless and deliberate conduct by the Russian State, s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d), s 47C

s 33(a)(iii)

s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d), s 47C

Russia, as a permanent member of the UNSC, has a particular responsibility to uphold international peace and security.

s 33(a)(iii)

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