SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER

Local Time		Canberra Time
2236	Arrival Hamad International Airport (Flight QR989) Met on arrival by: HE Mr Shane Flanagan, HOM	0636+1
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2300	Departed Airport for Sheraton Grand Hotel	0700 +1
2330	Arrived at Hotel	0730 +1
	End of engagements	•

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER

Local Time		Canberra Time
0745 - 0840	Briefing with Post	1545 - 1640
	Venue: Meeting room 120	
	Other attendees:	
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	Mr Paul Wojciechowski, Special Representative on	
	Afghanistan	
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0845 – 1040	Opening Session of the Doha Forum	1645 - 1840
20.0	Keynote Address: HE Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, State of Qatar	10.10 10.10
	Venue: Al Dafna Conference Hall, Sheraton Grand Hotel	
	Other attendees:	
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Local Time		Canberra Time
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\$.47F(1) 1040 - 1130	Opening Session of the Doha Forum Opening Panel: What Now for the Middle East? Speakers: - HE Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, State of Qatar - HE Dennis Francis, President of the 78 th Session of the UN General Assembly - HE Dr Mohammad Shtayyeh, Prime Minister, Palestine - HE Ayman Al Safadi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Hashemite Kingdom of	1840 - 1930
	Jordan - Moderator: Becky Anderson, CNN Venue: Al Dafna Conference Hall, Sheraton Grand Hotel	
1140 - 1310	Informal lunch / meeting preparation Venue: Meeting room 120	1940 - 2110
1310 - 1330	Meeting with Lord Tariq Ahmad, UK Minister of State for the Middle East, North Africa, South Asia, UN and the Commonwealth Venue: Meeting room 109 Other attendees: HOM	2110 - 2130
s.47F(1)	Mr Wojciechowski	
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1340 - 1400	Meeting with HE Ms Lolwah Al-Khater, Minister of State for International Cooperation, State of Qatar Venue: Meeting room 340 Other attendees: HOM	2140 - 2200
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		Canberra Time
1400 - 1515	Meeting preparation	2200 - 2315
	Venue: Meeting room 120	
1515 - 1545	Meeting with HE Mr Ayman Al-Safadi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	2315 - 2345
	Venue: Sheraton Hotel garden terrace	
	Other attendees: HOM	
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1545 - 1650	Meeting preparation Venue: Meeting room 120	2345 – 0050 +1
1700 - 1730	Meeting with HE Dr Mohammed bin Abdulaziz Al-Khulaifi, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, State of Qatar Venue: Ministerial meeting room 6 (Sheraton Hotel) Other attendees: HOM	0100 - 0130 +1
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1730 - 1820	Coffee with Ravi Agrawal, Editor In Chief, Foreign Policy Venue: Al Hubara Restaurant, Sheraton Hotel	0130 - 0220 +1
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1820 1840 - 1930	Venue: Al Hubara Restaurant, Sheraton Hotel Departed Sheraton Hotel for Doha Port Doha Forum Gala Dinner: Groundbreaking Ceremony of the Lusail Museum Venue: Doha Port (included discussion with HE Sheikha Al-Mayassa bint Hamad Al-Thani, Chair of Qatar Museums)	0220 0240+1 - 0330+1

MONDAY 11 DECEMBER

Local Time		Canberra Time
0700 - 0800	Canberra-based business	1500 - 1600
	Venue: Meeting room 120	
0815 - 0830	Morning briefing with Post	1615 - 1630
	Venue: Meeting room 120	
	Other attendees:	
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0830 - 0850	Meeting with Tim Lenderking, US Special Envoy for Yemen	1630 - 1650
	Venue: Meeting Room 120	
	Other attendees:	
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0855	Departed Sheraton Hotel for Souq Waqif	1655
0910 - 0955	Visit to Souq Waqif s.47F(1)	1710 - 1755
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0955	Departed Souq Waqif for Sheraton Hotel	1755
1010	Arrived Sheraton Hotel	1810
1010 - 1100	Panel discussion preparation	1810 - 1900
	Venue: Meeting Room 120	
1115 - 1205	Doha Forum Panel Discussion: 'Towards a Multilayered World: Rethinking Alliances'	1915 – 2005
	Venue: Salwa II, Sheraton Hotel	
	Moderator: Mark Green, President & CEO, Wilson Centre	
	Panellists:	
	The Hon Tim Watts MP, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs, Australia	

Local Time		Canberra Time
	HE Elmedin Konakovic, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina	
	HE Ville Skinnari, Former Minister for Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade, Finland	
	Dr Mabel Lu Miao, Co-Founder & Secretary-General of the Centre for China and Globalization	
1215 - 1300	Rest / hotel check out	2015 - 2100
1300	Departed Sheraton Hotel for Embassy	2100
1310 - 1400	Meet and greet with staff of Doha Embassy and Interim Mission on Afghanistan	2110 – 2200
	Venue: Doha Embassy Multipurpose Room	
	Light lunch served	
1400	Departed Embassy for Hamad International Airport	2200
1430	Arrived Hamad International Airport	2230
1629	Departed Doha for Cairo (Flight QR1307)	0029 +1



Australian Government

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

BRIEF FOR ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER WATTS



VISIT TO QATAR

Doha 9-11 December 2023

Front cover photo: The Pearl district, Doha, Qatar

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You will visit Qatar at a time when the small peninsula state is playing a central role mediating the Hamas- Israel conflict. S.33
Your visit will also provide an opportunity to recognise Qatar's persistent diplomatic efforts which secured an agreement for the release of hostages and a humanitarian pause. Qatar has also been helpful to Australian interests. More than 130 Australians and their families have departed Gaza and many s.22(1)(a)(ii) transited through Doha during their journey to Australia on Qatar Airways flights.
Your visit is centred around the Doha Forum. The Forum takes the form of a series of panels facilitated by universities, research institutions and think tanks. Discussions cover a broad range of topics from AI, finance, climate change to Sudan, Ukraine and Hamas-Israel – under the overarching heading of Building Shared Futures. S.22(1)(a)(ii)
have accepted an invitation to participate in a panel event titled <i>Towards a Multilayered World:</i> Rethinking Alliances. The panel will be moderated by Ambassador (ret.) Mark Green, President and CEO of the Wilson Center. The other panellists will be H.E. Macky Sall, President of Senegal; H.E Mr Elmedin Konaković, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina; and Ambassador (ret.) Kelly Craft, ex-United States Ambassador to the United Nations and Canada. Bilateral pull-asides will provide opportunities to engage partners on regional security issues, including the Israel/Gaza conflict.
In Doha you will meet with Qatari Minister of State for International Cooperation, Her Excellency Lolwah bint Rashid Al-Khater, and/or Minister of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr Mohammed bin S.33 Abdulaziz Al-Khulaifi.
and seek Qatar's insights on avenues for de-escalation and lasting peace.
Qatar is our third largest trading partner in the Middle East and North Africa with two-way trade worth AUD 3.1 billion in 2022. Qatari investment in Australia, via its sovereign wealth fund the Qatar Investment Authority (QIA), totals AUD 4 billion.
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S.22(1)(a)(ii) Your visit follows the Australian Government's decision to decline a request by Qatar Airways to increase the number of flights per week. This was widely reported in Qatar.

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Ministerial party

• The Hon Tim Watts MP Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs

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Australian Embassy Doha & Interim Mission on Afghanistan Key visit staff s.47F(1) Shane Flanagan Ambassador Paul Wojciechowski Special Representative on Afghanistan











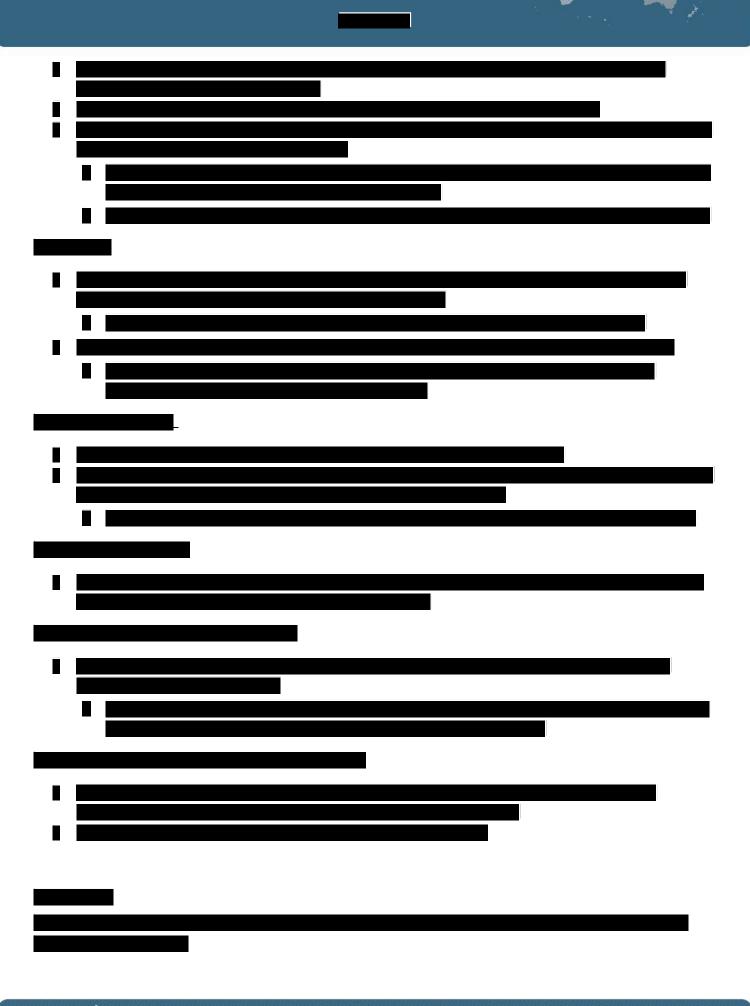


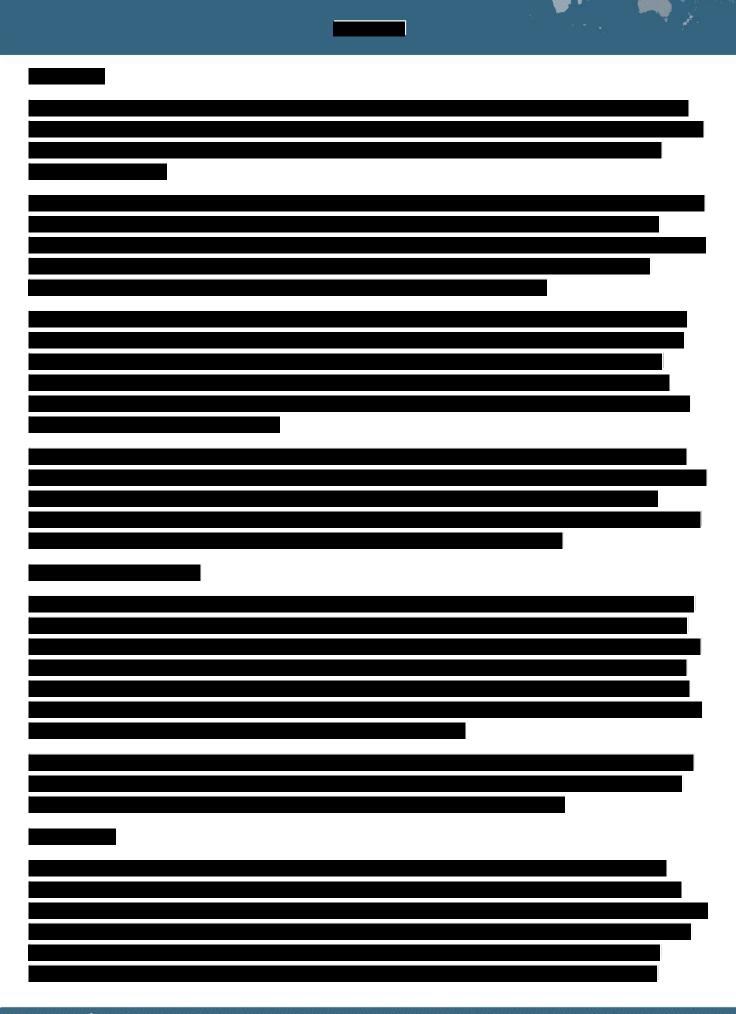
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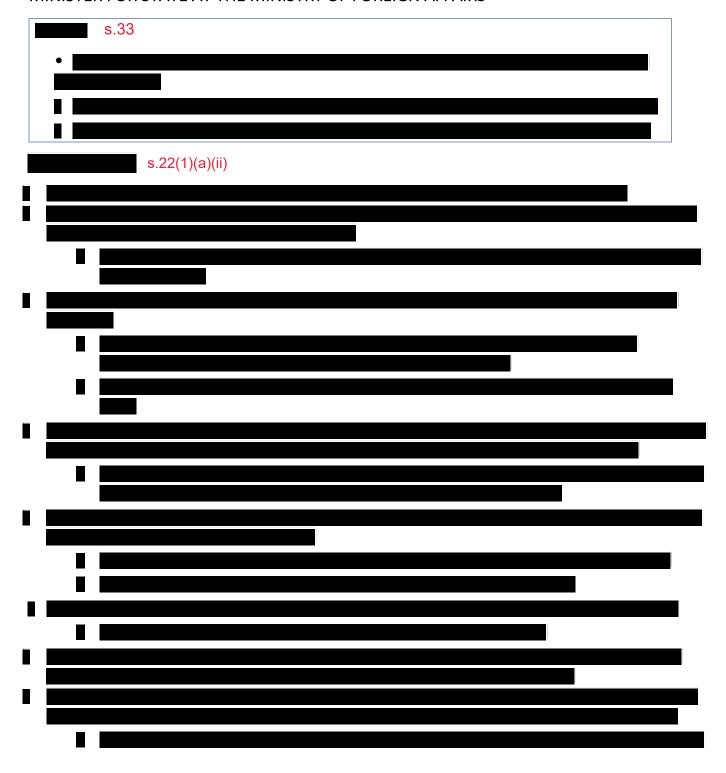
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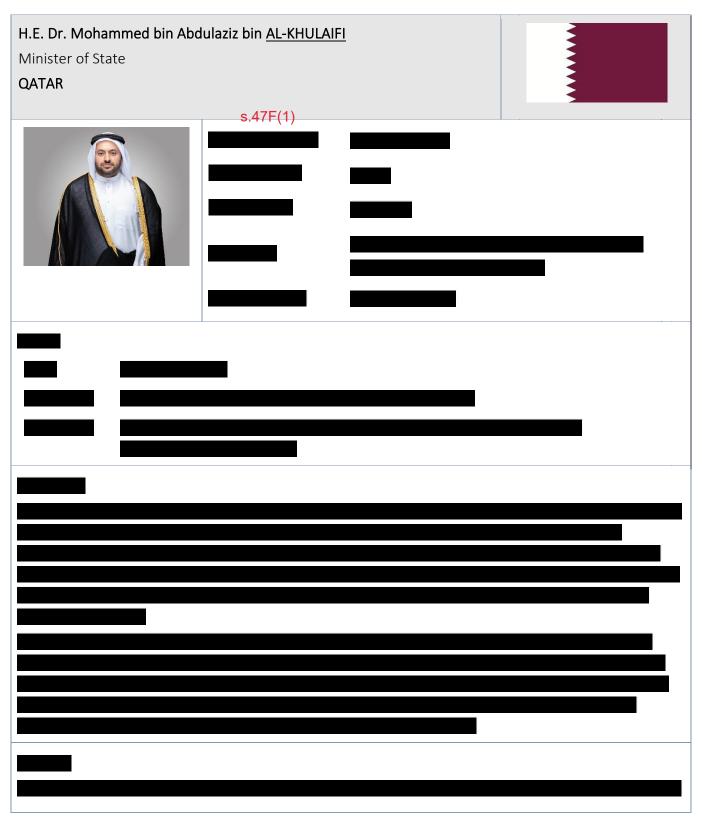


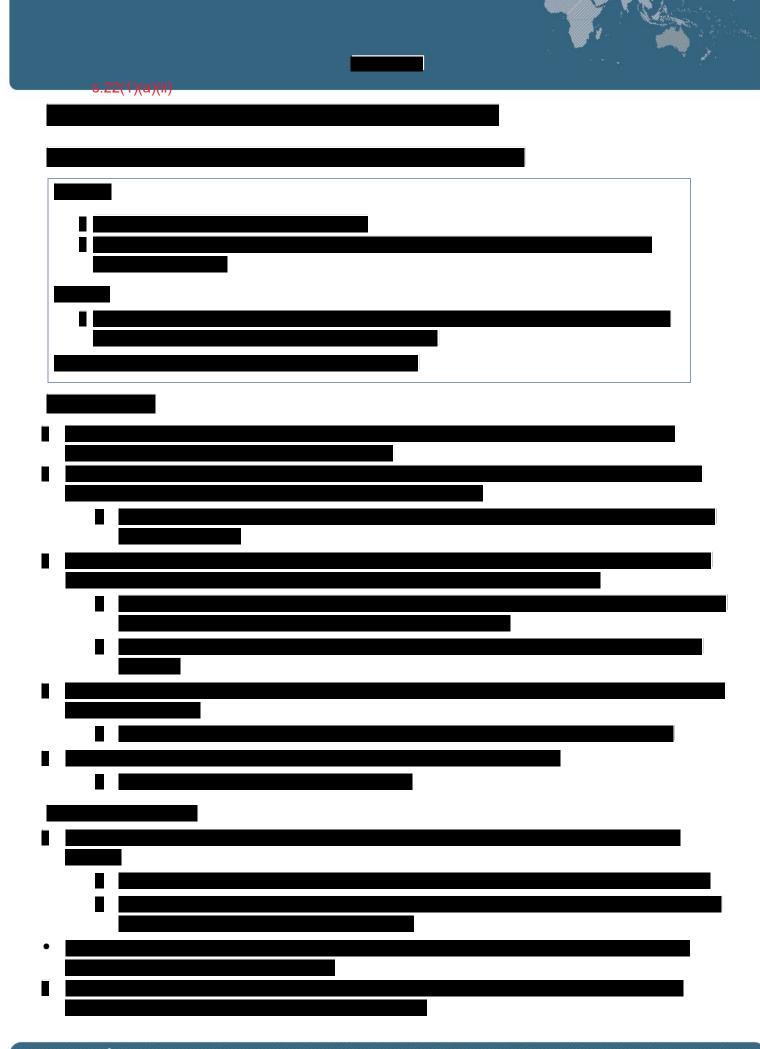
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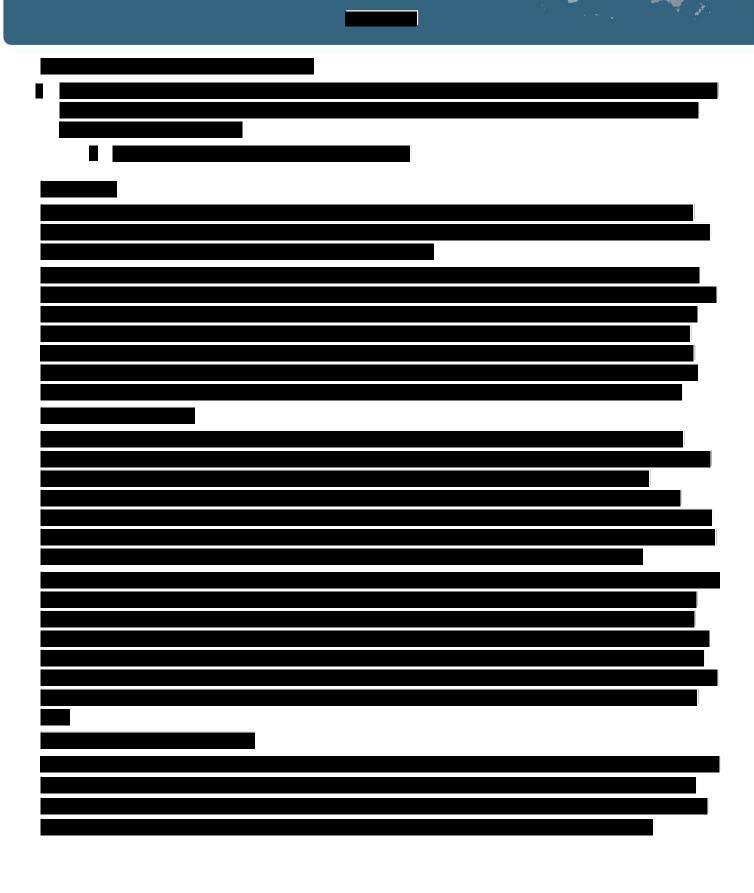


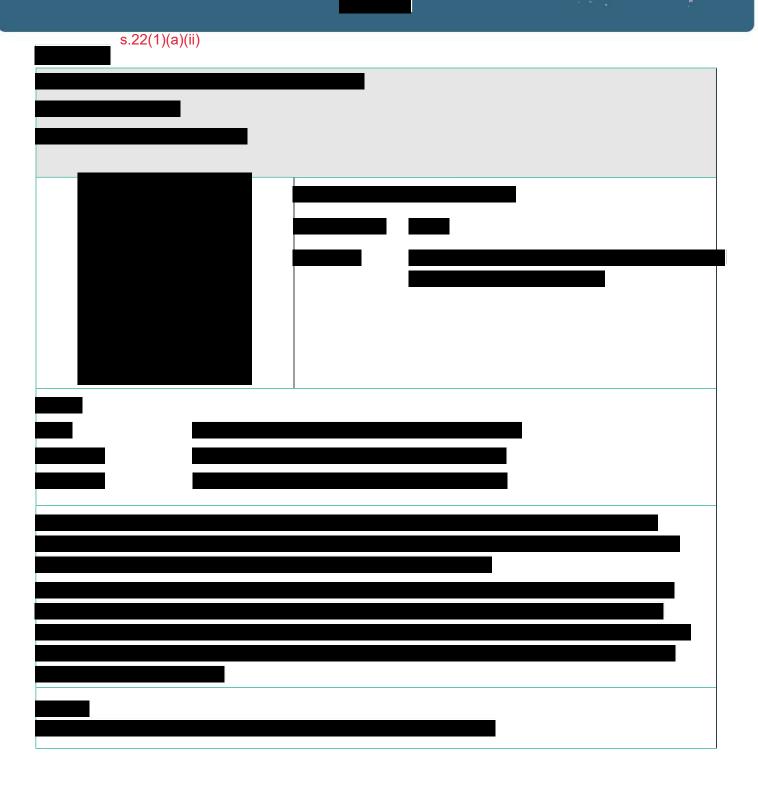


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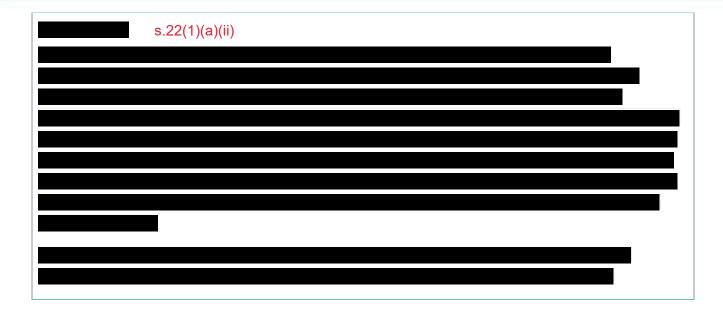






EVENT BRIEF: OPENING SESSION OF DOHA FORUM

Time and Place Key attendees 10 December, 9:00am-11:00am, H.H. Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, Emir of Qatar Sheraton Grand Resort, Doha H.E. Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Qatar Minister's role, objective(s), context and sensitivities You [Assistant Minister Watts] will attend the 21st Session of the Doha Forum in Qatar on behalf of the Foreign Minister. Your official program for the visit is centred around your attendance at the Forum, where you will attend the opening session. There will be opportunities for bilateral and pull aside meetings with other Ministers and senior officials. s.33 s.22(1)(a)(ii) This will be your first visit to Qatar which comes on the back of your visit to the Middle East [Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates] in June 2023. s.33 s.33



Background

Established in 2000, the Doha Forum is a global platform for dialogue, bringing together leaders in policy to discuss critical challenges facing the world, and to build innovative and action-driven networks. Under the banner 'Diplomacy, Dialogue, Diversity', the Doha Forum promotes the interchange of ideas and discourse towards policy making and action-oriented recommendations. The Doha Forum's theme for 2023 is *Building Shared Futures*, which aims to explore how we can build systems, norms, and institutions that both honour the dignity and differences of the world's people and enable effective cooperation across divides. It will be attended by some government representatives and senior officials, as well as policy makers and journalists. The first plenary session will feature a keynote speech from His Excellency Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, Prime Minister and the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Other senior representatives will also be invited to make remarks in this session.

Event Biographies



EVENT BRIEF: PANEL DISCUSSION – TOWARDS A MULTILAYERED WORLD: RETHINKING ALLIANCES

Time and Place

Monday, 11 December, time 11:15am-12:05pm, Doha Forum **Moderator:** Ambassador (ret.) Mark A. Green, President and CEO of the Wilson Center

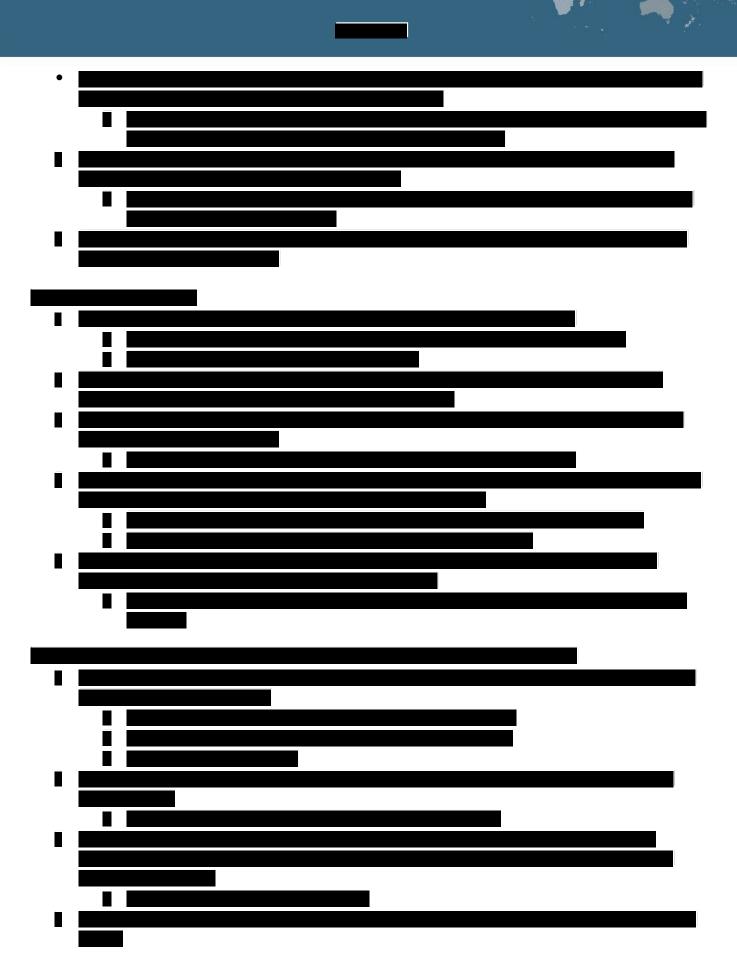
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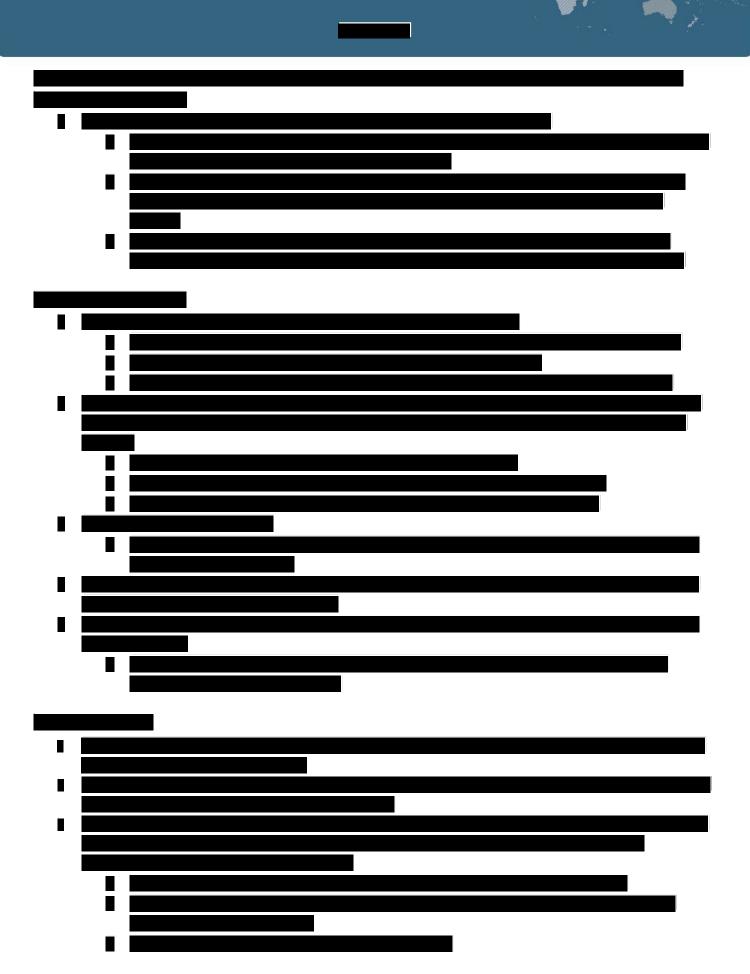
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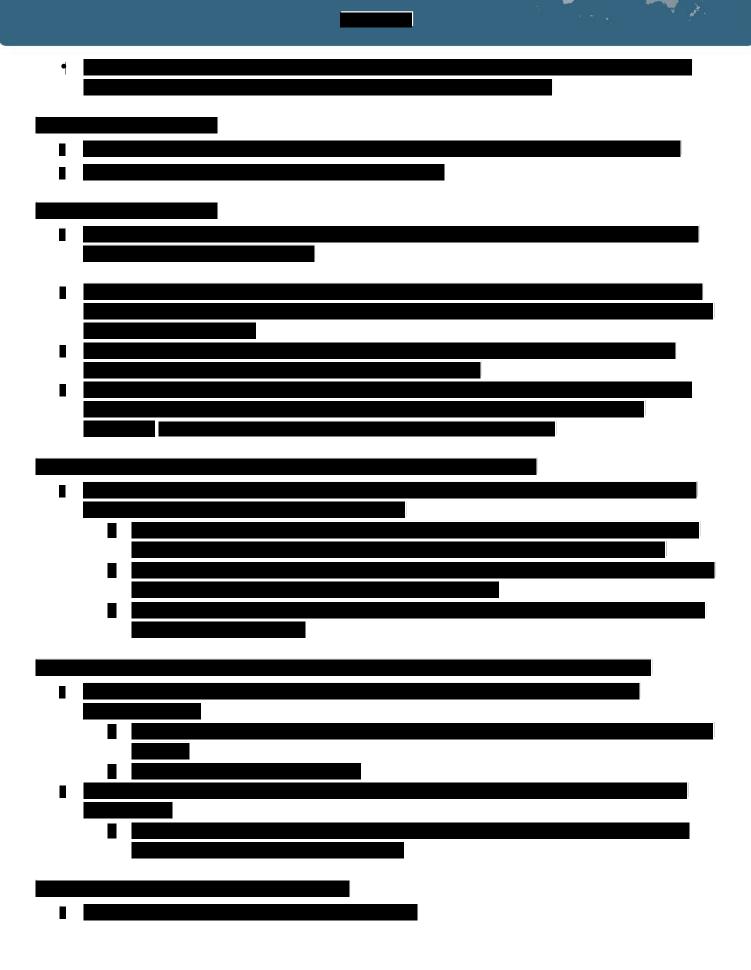
You have accepted an invitation to speak as part of the 50-minute panel event *Towards a Multilayered World Rethinking Alliances*. Discussion will likely cover the impact of the growing number of smaller alliances bound by shared interest and their impact on enhancing global cooperation. Suggest using the Quad as an example of Australia's engagement in small alliances and focus on the Indo-Pacific.

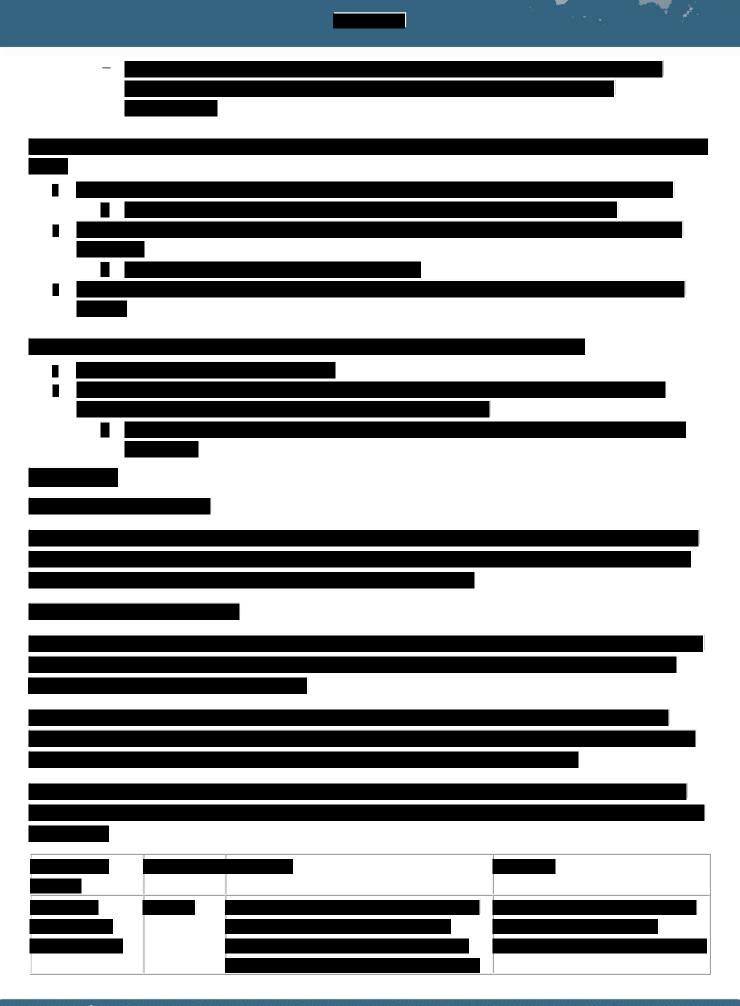
There will be no prepared speeches or opening remarks. The session includes Q&A with the audience.





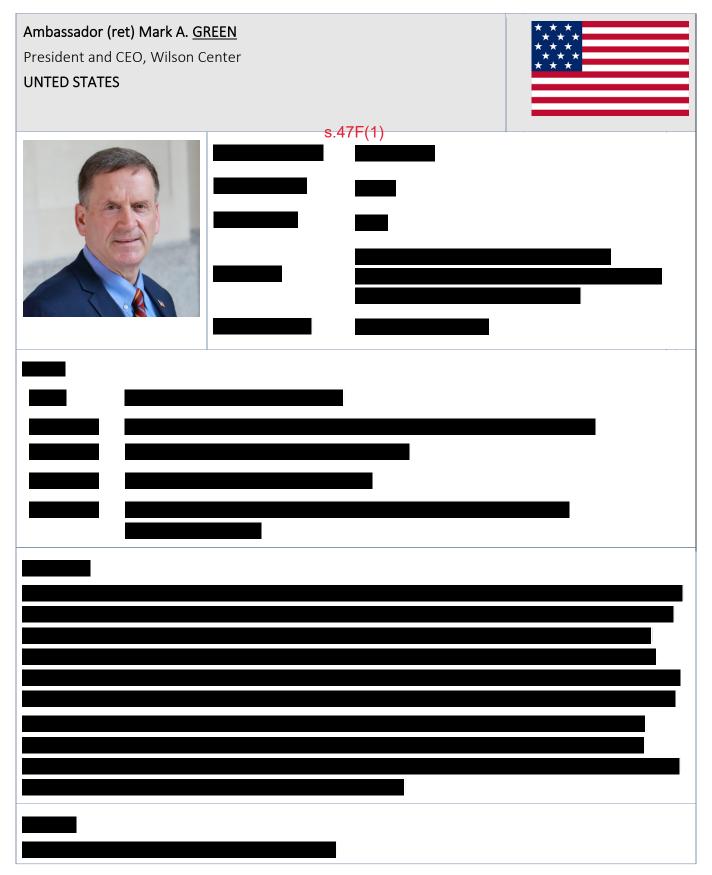






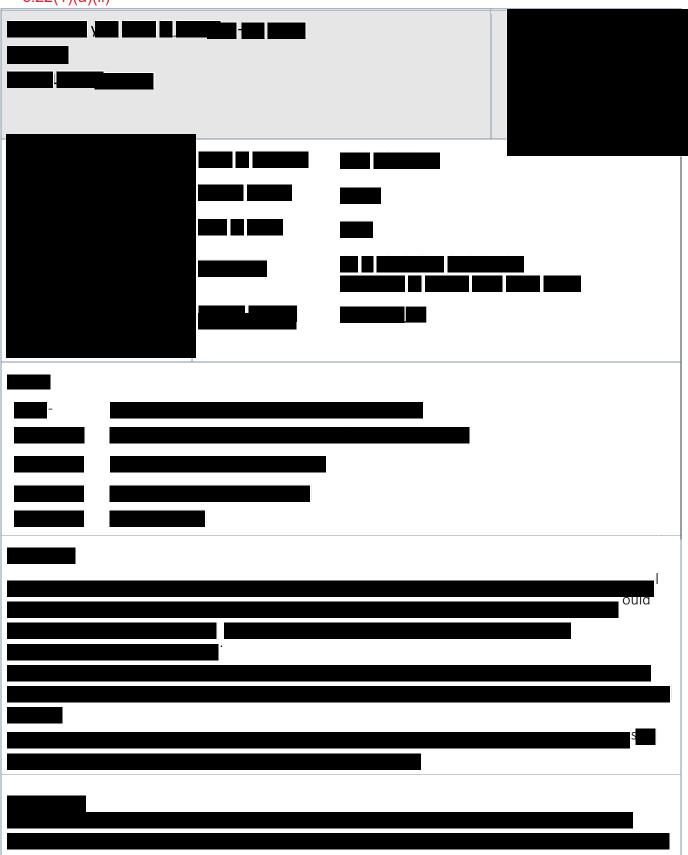




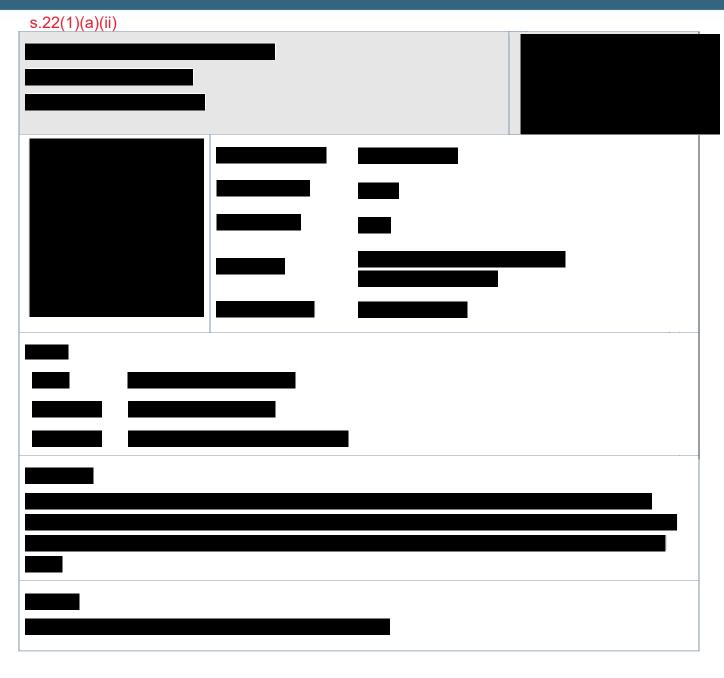


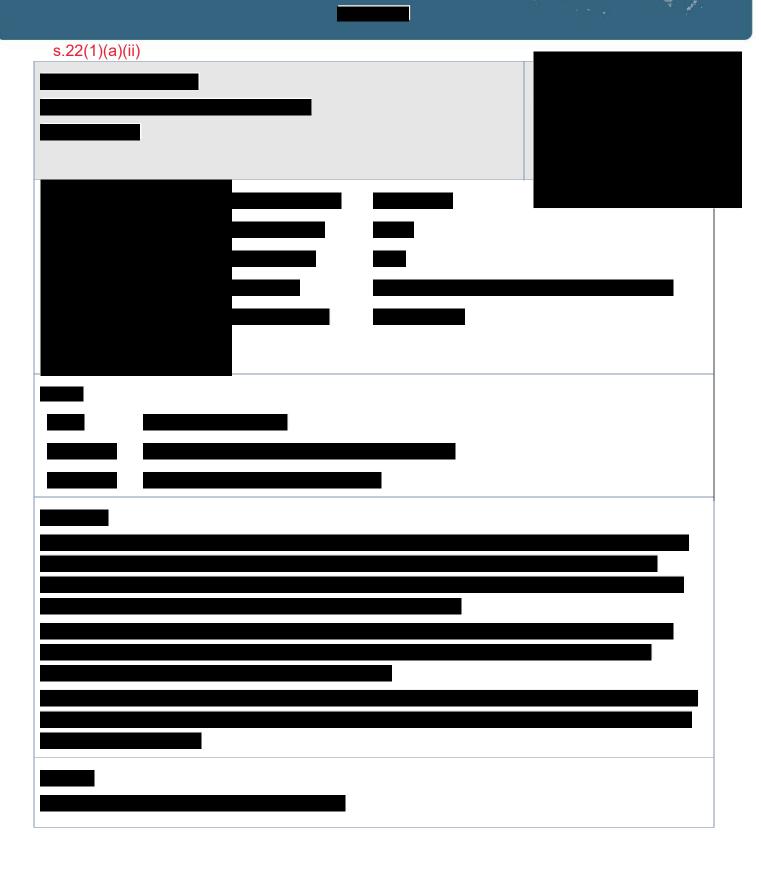


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EVENT BRIEF: DOHA FORUM PULL ASIDE MEETINGS

The Hon Tim Watts MP
Meeting with H.E. Mr Ayman <u>SAFADI</u> [sah-fah-dee]

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND EXPATRIATES OF JORDAN

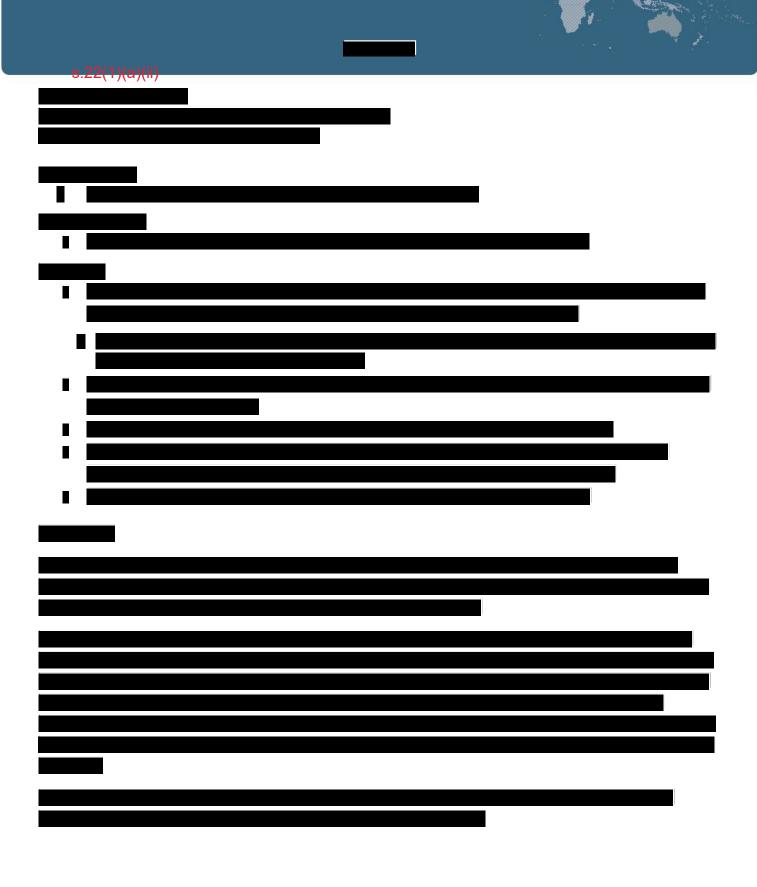






Biography

Ayman SAFADI [sah-fah-dee] Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN s.47F(1)

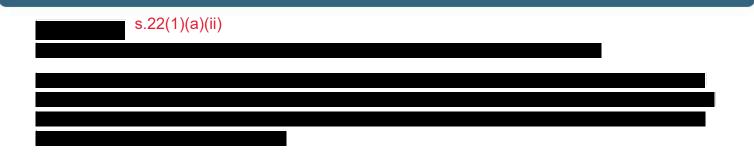




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The Hon Tim Watts MP
Meeting with Lord Tariq <u>AHMAD</u>
MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST, NORTH AFRICA, SOUTH ASIA, COMMONWEALTH AND THE UNITED NATIONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

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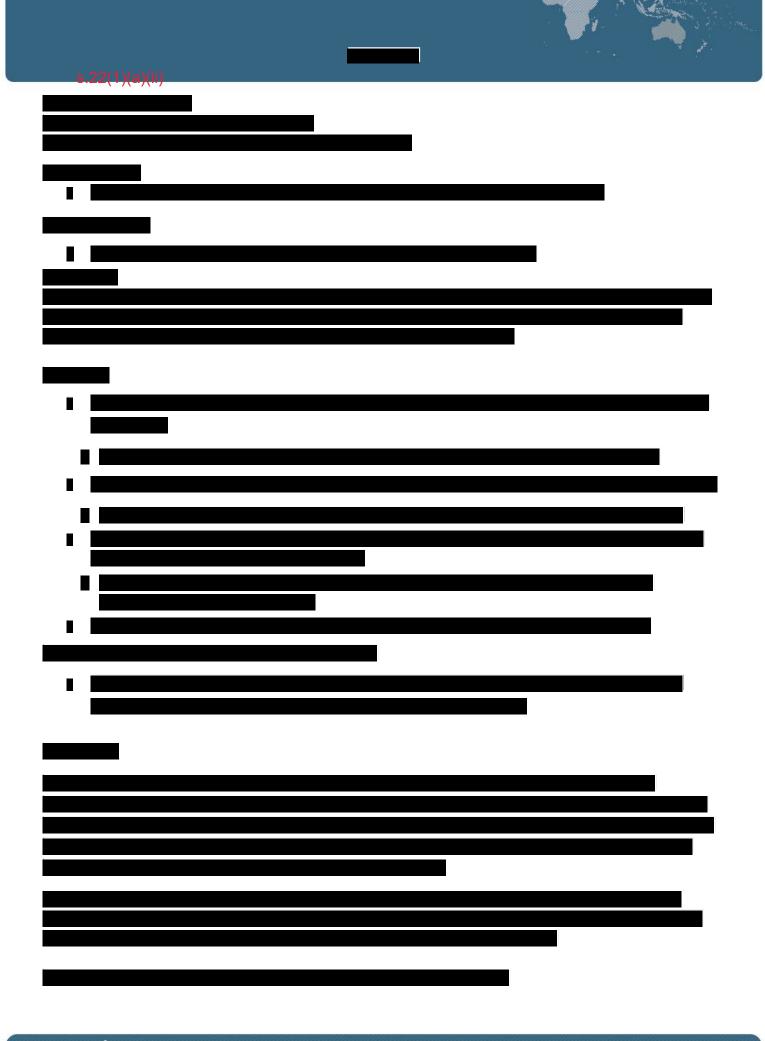
Lord Tariq Ahmad of Wimbledon

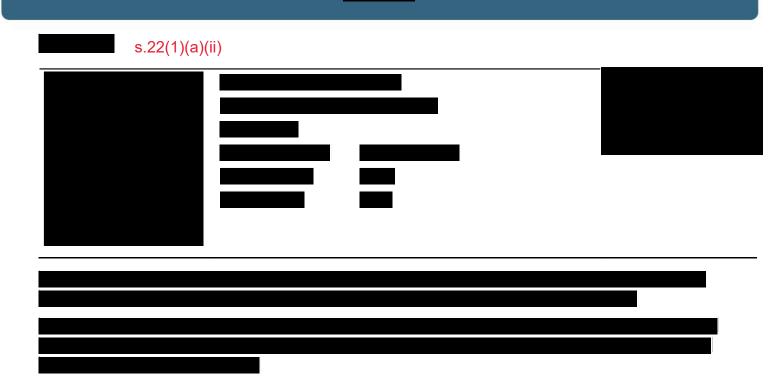
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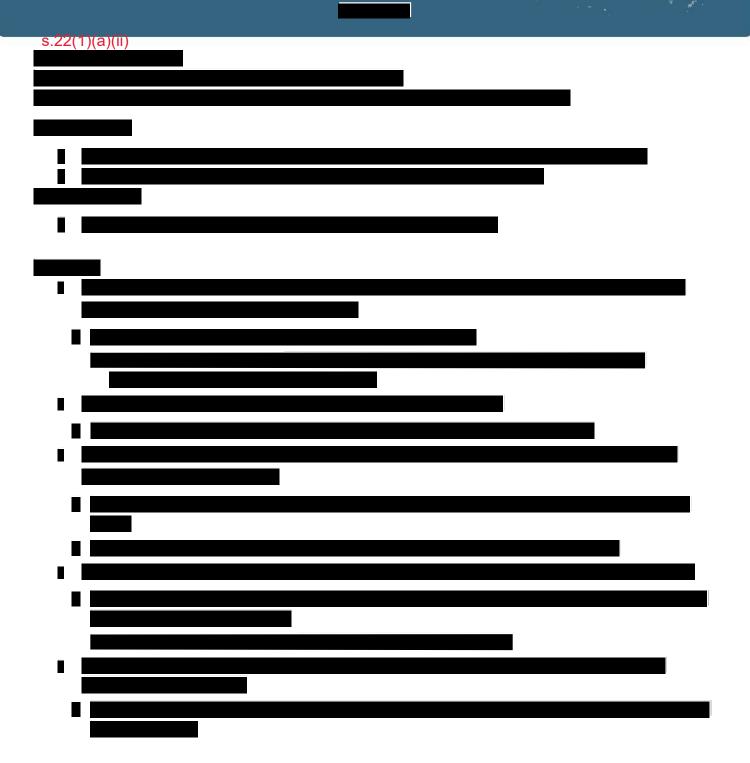
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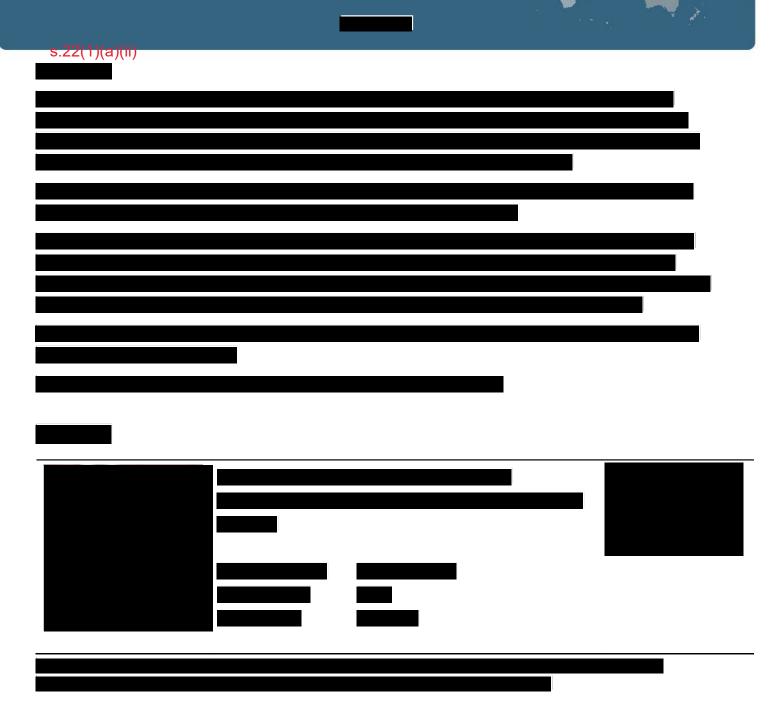


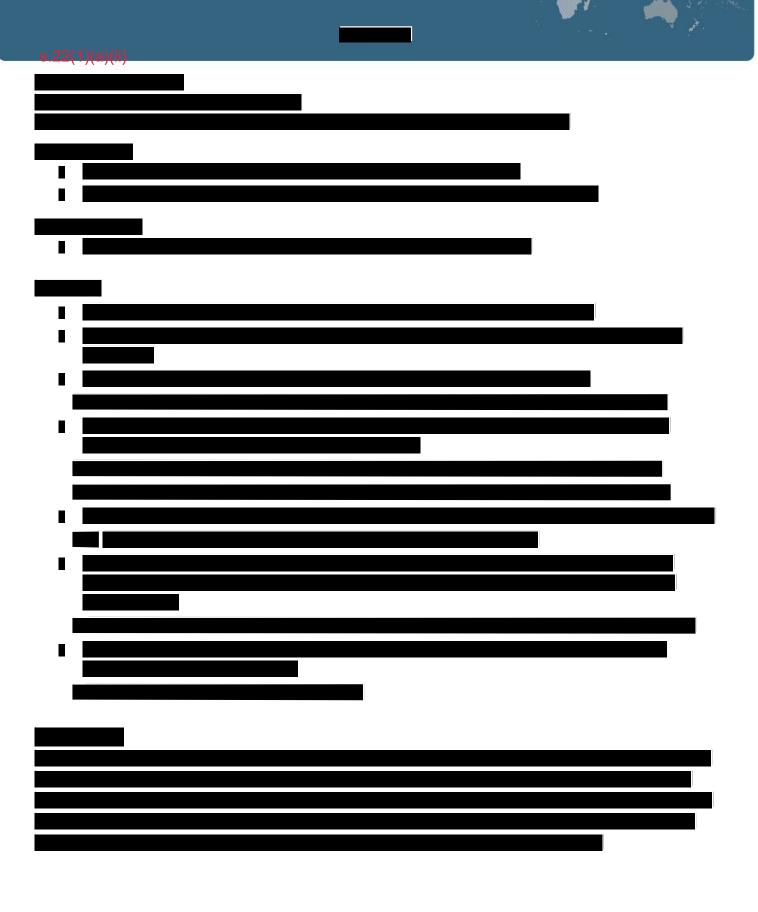
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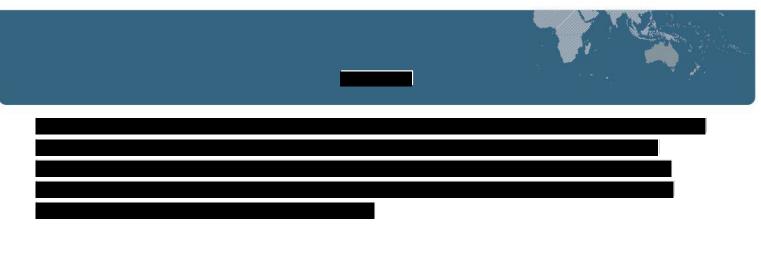






The Hon Tim Watts MP
Meeting with Mr Tim <u>LENDERKING</u>
UNITED STATES SPECIAL ENVOY TO YEMEN

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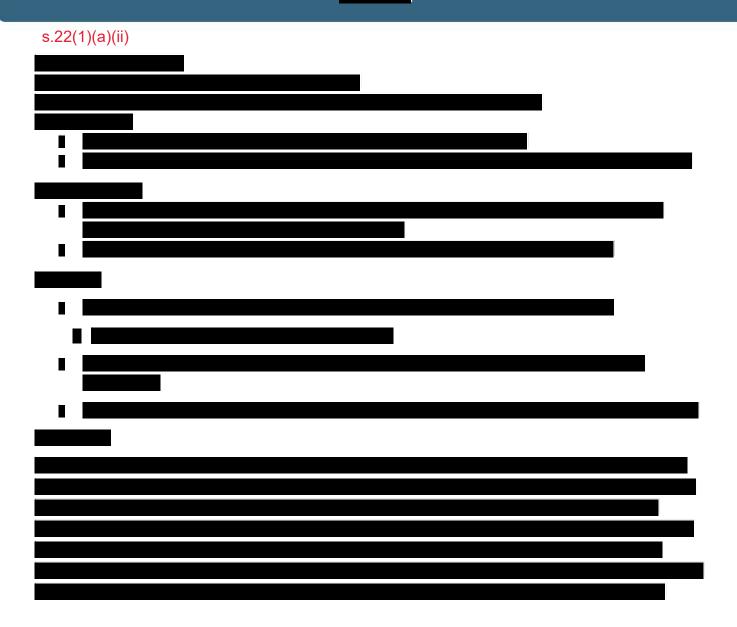


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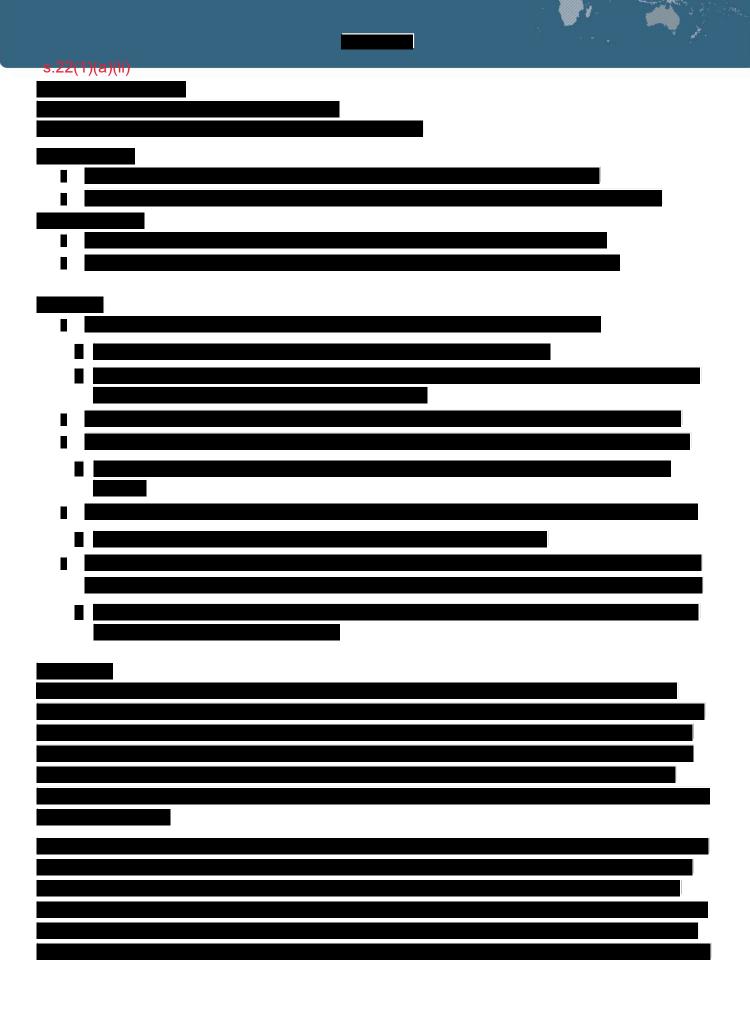


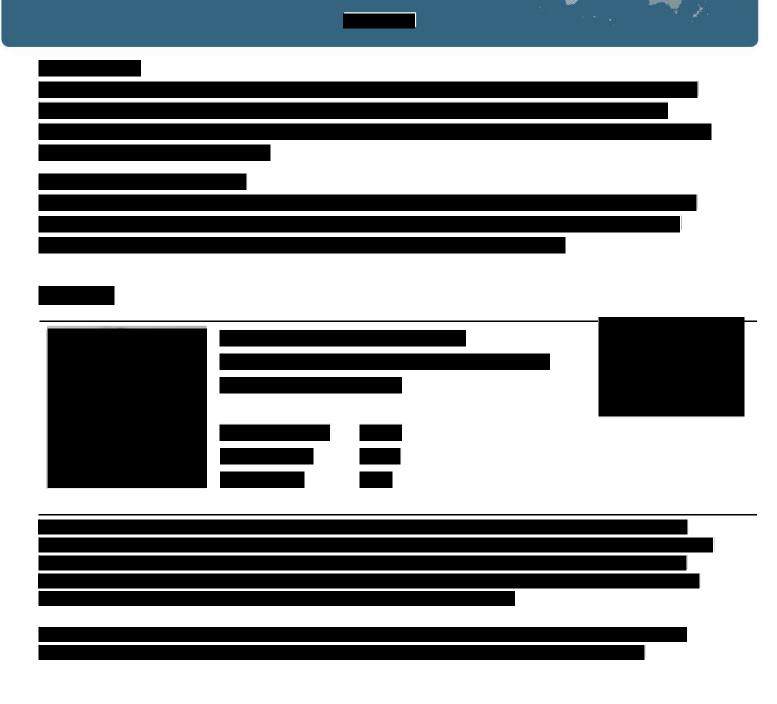
MR Tim <u>LENDERKING</u>
US Special Envoy to Yemen
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

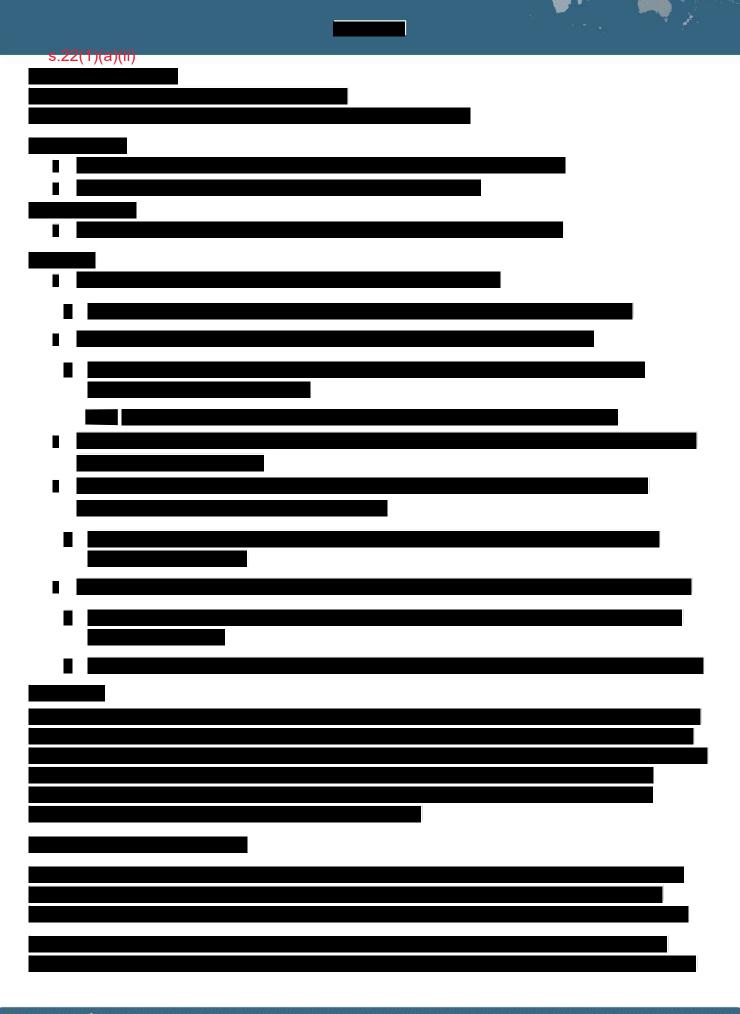


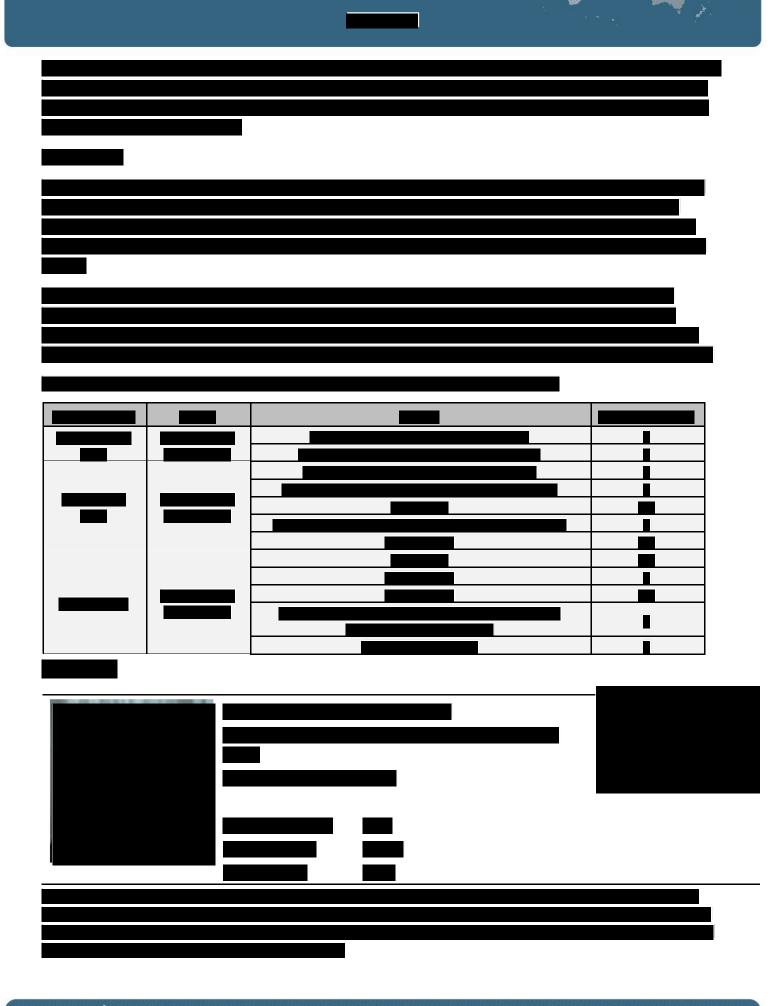










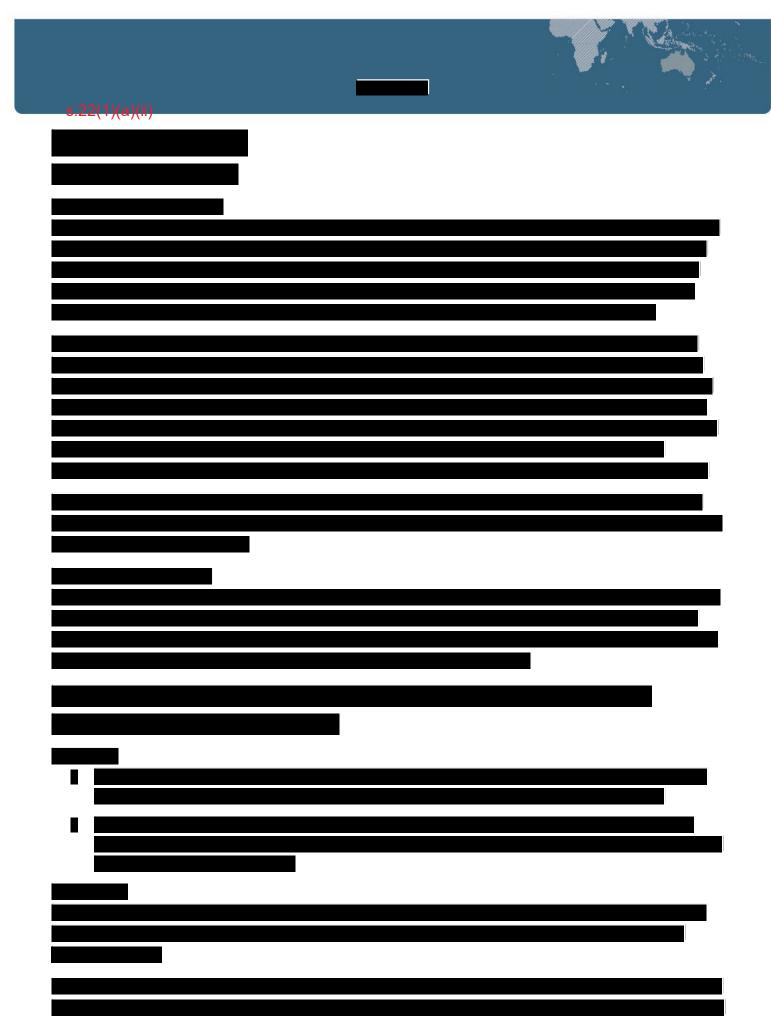


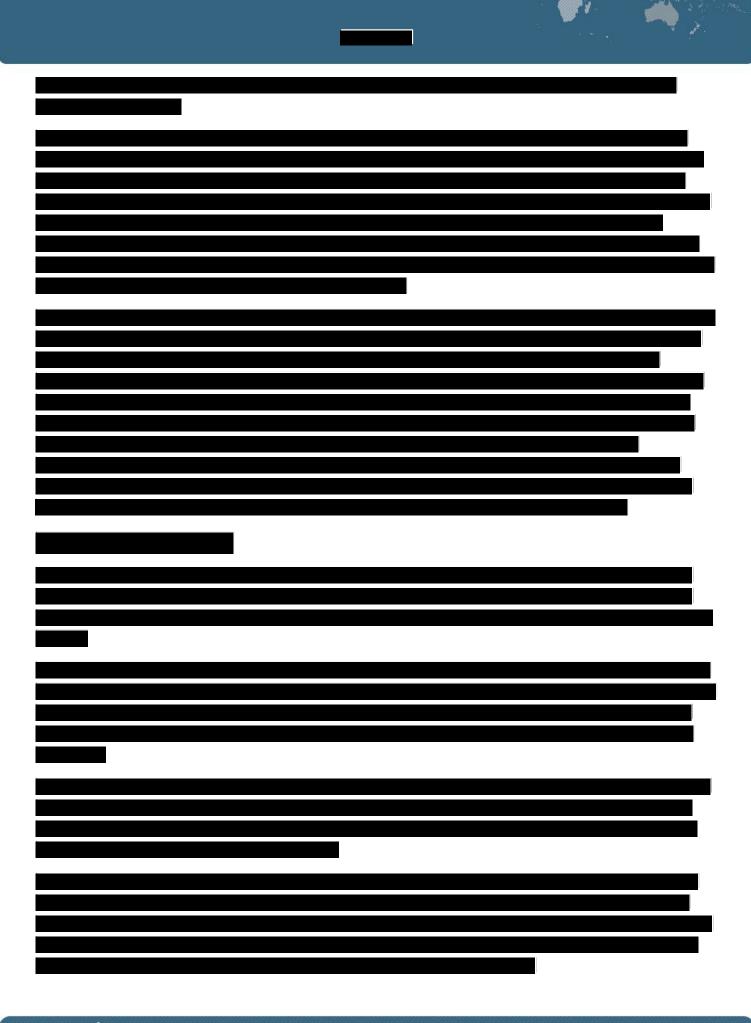


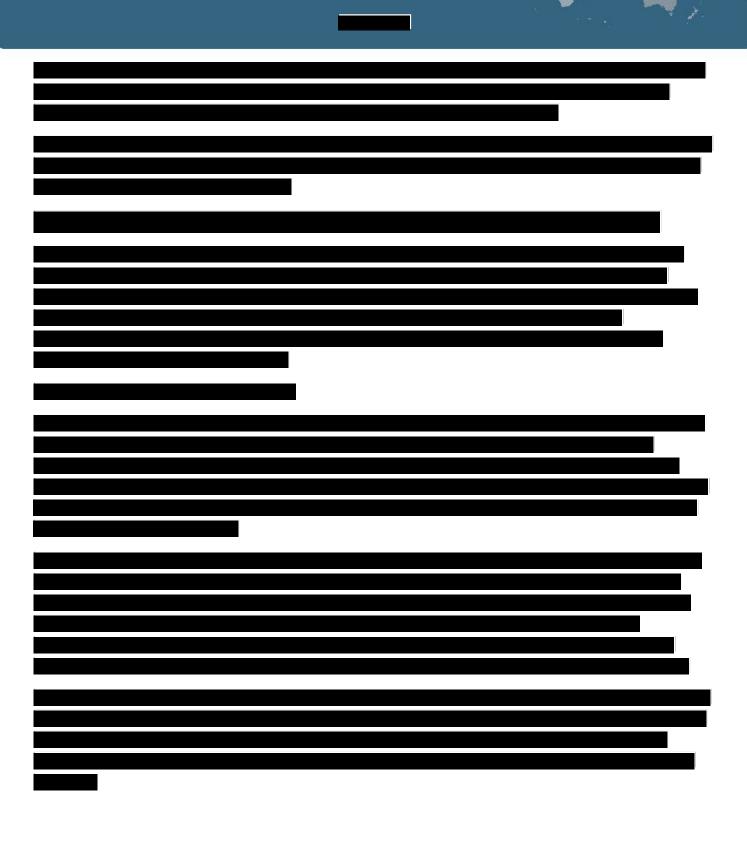
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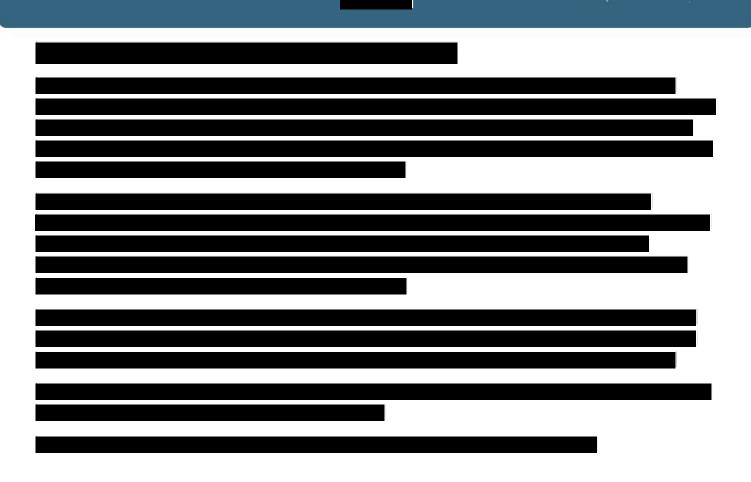
• Thank Embassy staff for their work to advance Australia's interests with Qatar, particularly in support of consular response to the Hamas-Israel conflict.

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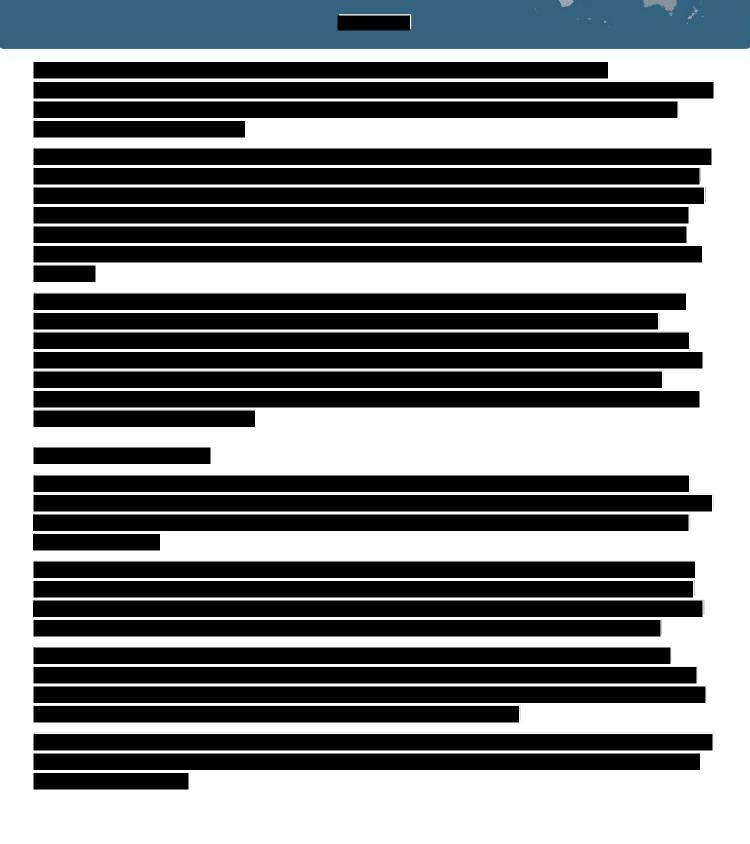


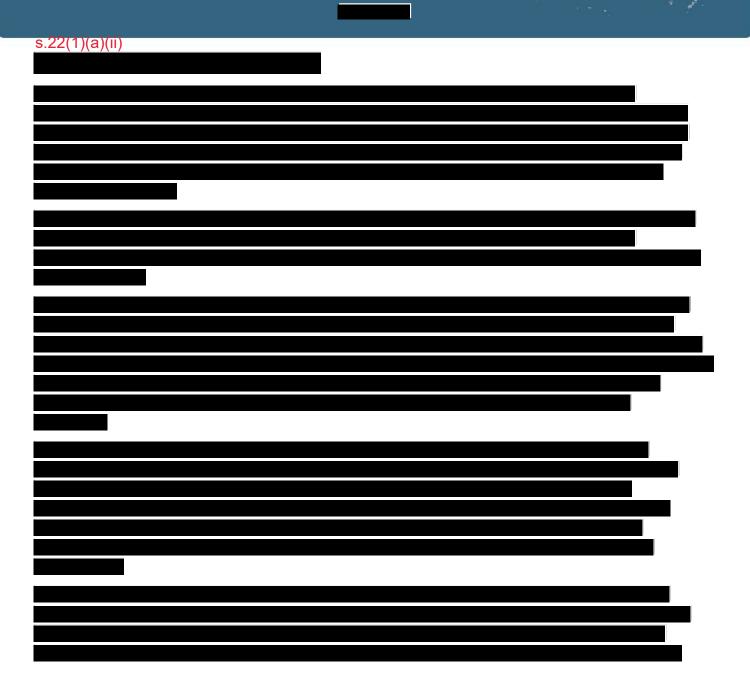






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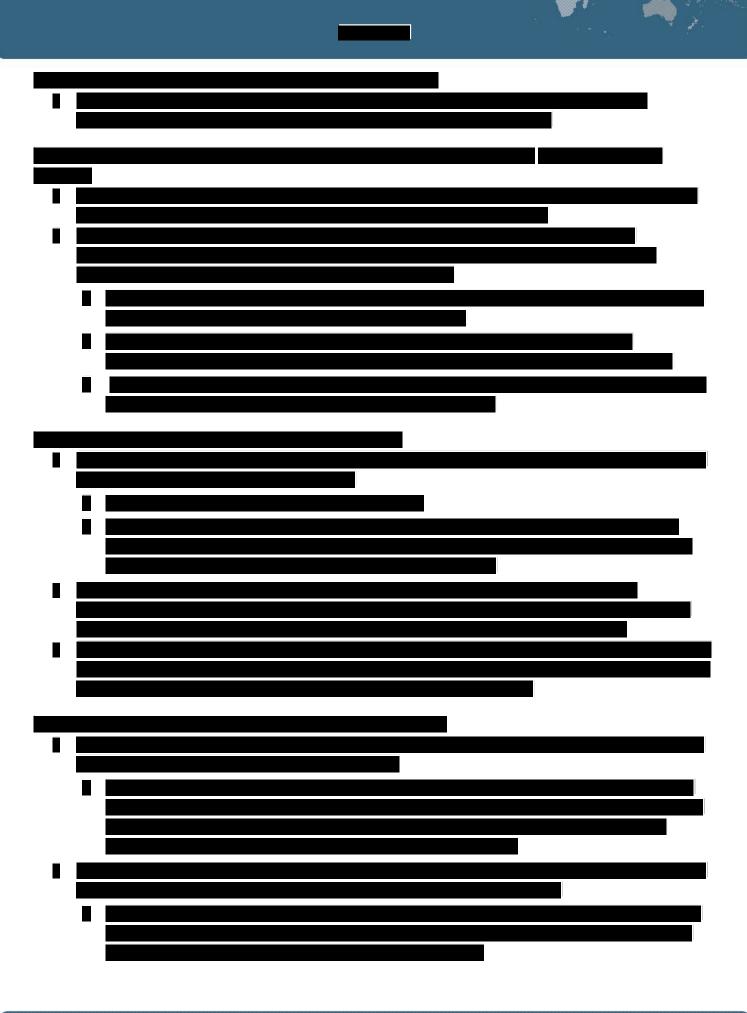


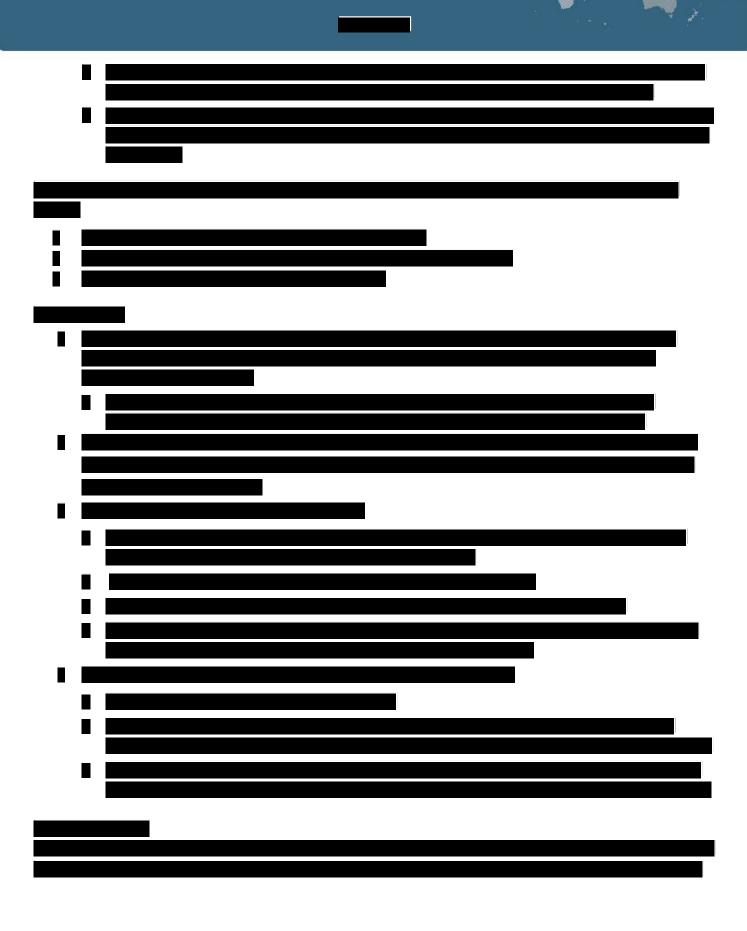




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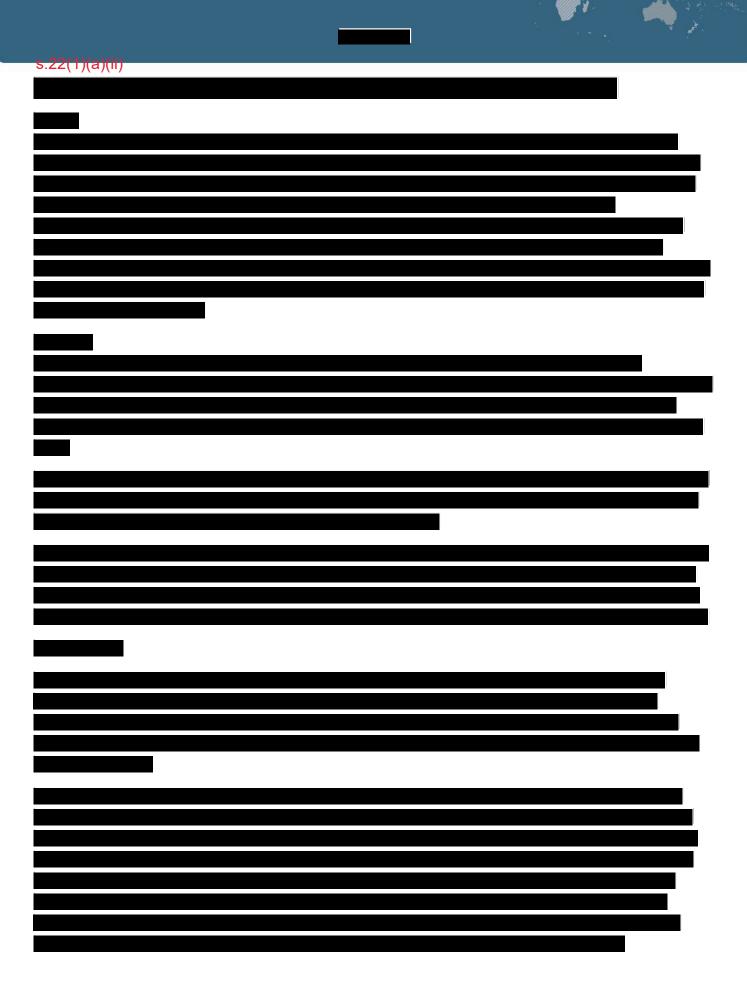


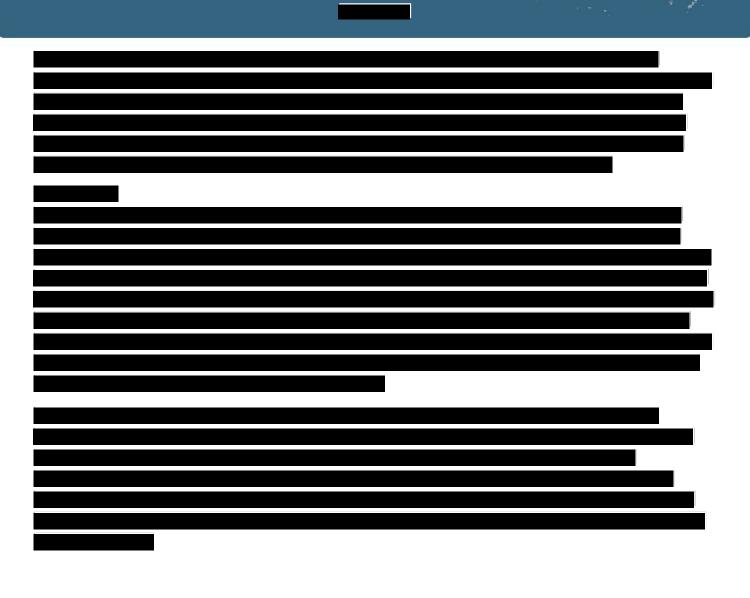


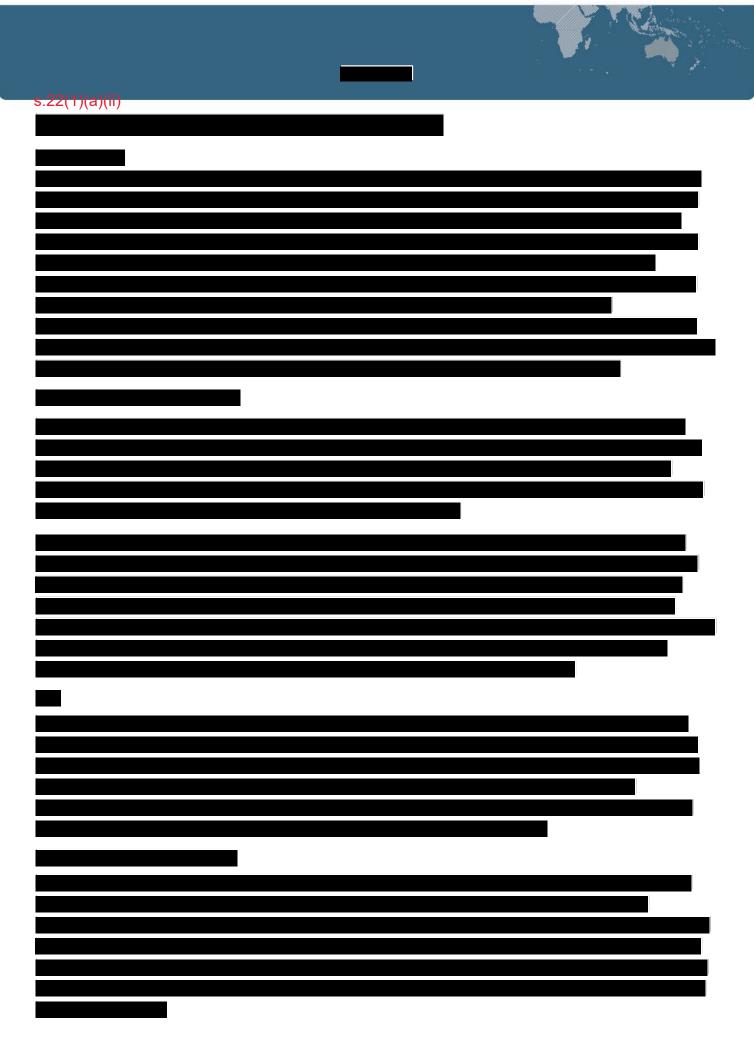
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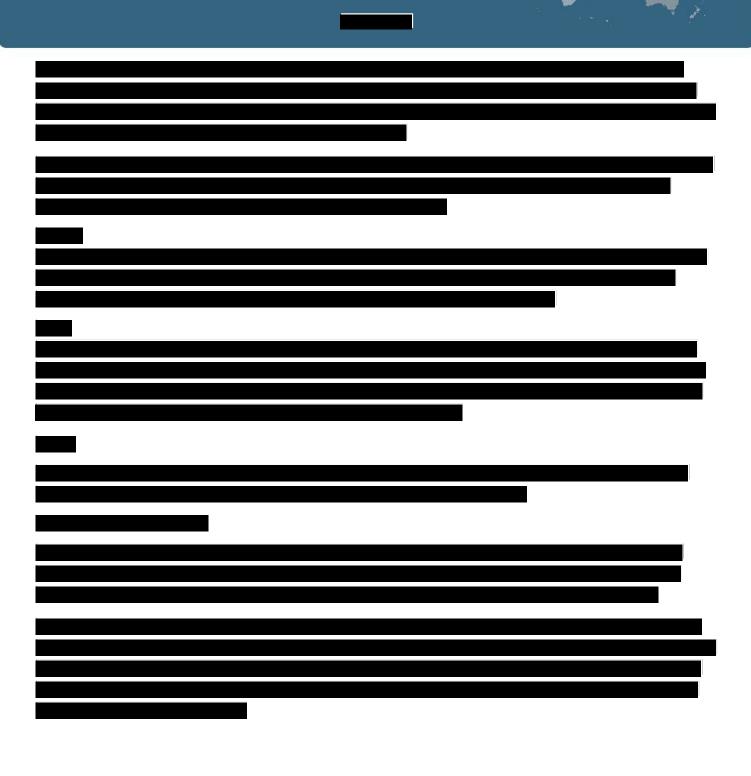


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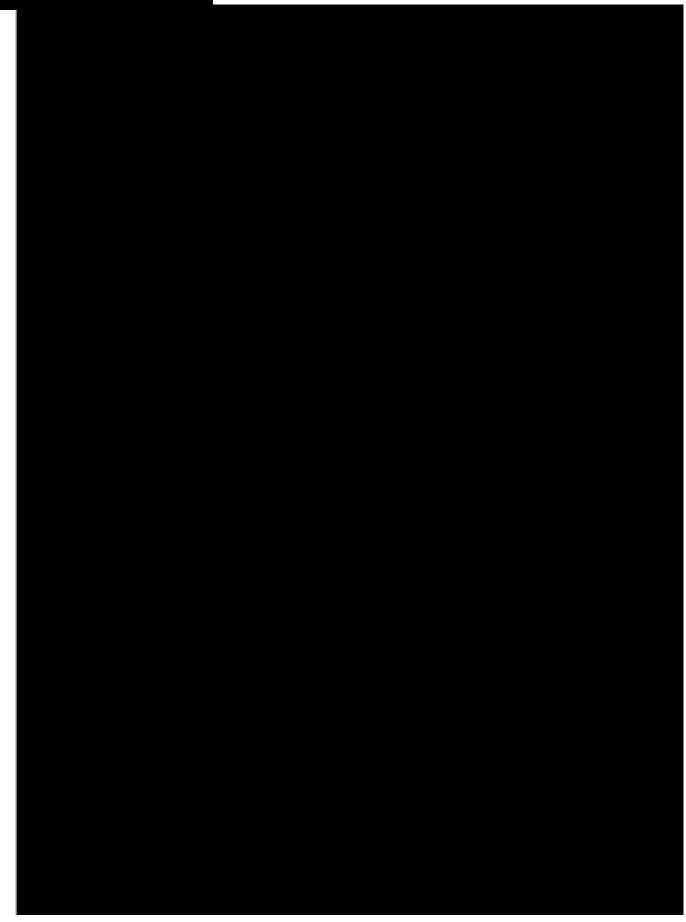






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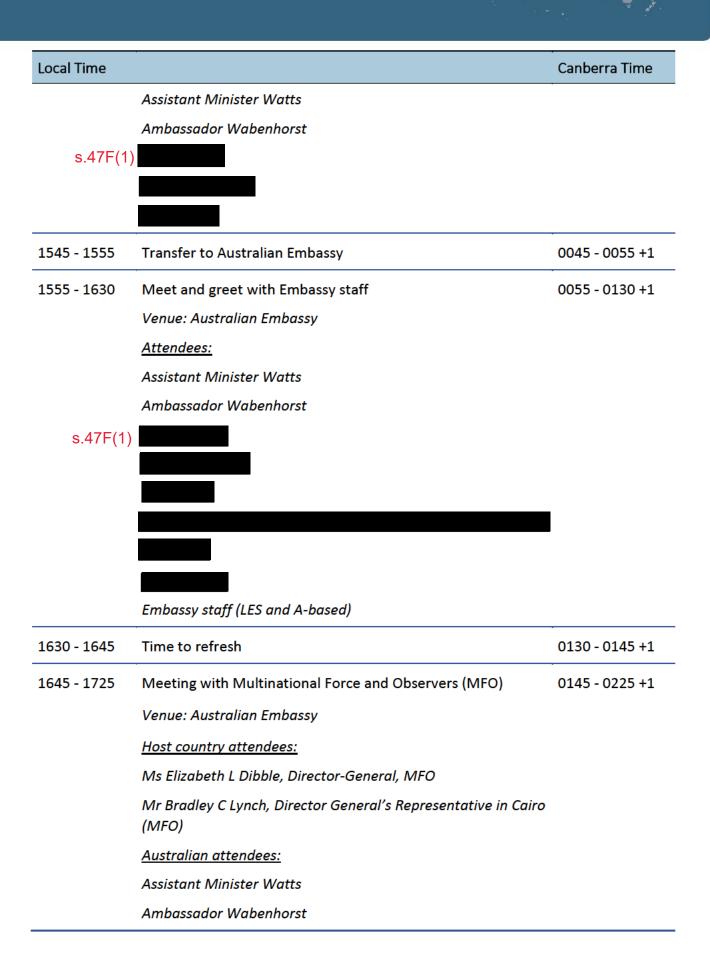
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1841	Arrival Cairo	0341 +1
	Met by:	
	HE Dr Axel Wabenhorst, Australian Ambassador to Egypt	
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1910 - 1930	Transfer to Nasr City	0410 - 0430 +1
1930 - 1950	Meet and greet with consular clients recently arrived from	0430 - 0450 +1
	Gaza s.47F(1) Venue:	
	Australian attendees:	
	The Hon Tim Watts MP, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs	
	Ambassador Wabenhorst	
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1950-2025	Transfer to St Regis Hotel	0450 - 0525+1
	End of engagements	

Tuesday 12 December

Local Time		Canberra Time
0620 - 0630	Delegation briefing	1520 - 1530
	Venue: La Zisa Restaurant, St Regis Hotel	
	Delegation:	
	Assistant Minister Watts	
s.47F(1)		
	Post:	

Local Time		Canberra Time
	Ambassador Wabenhorst	
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0630-0750	Transfer to the UNHCR Egypt Registration Centre	1530 - 1650
0750 - 0900	Visit to UNHCR Registration Centre: briefing by officials, tour and focus group discussion with Sudanese refugees	1650 - 1800
	Venue: UNHCR Egypt Registration Centre (6 th of October City)	
	<u>UNHCR attendees:</u>	
	Dr Hanan Hamdan, UNHCR Representative to Egypt and the Arab League	
	Marti Romero, Deputy Representative for Protection	
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	<u>Australian attendees:</u>	
	Assistant Minister Watts	
	Ambassador Wabenhorst	
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0900 - 1000	Transfer to the League of Arab States Headquarters	1800 - 1900
1000 - 1100	Meeting with HE Mr Hossam Zaki, Assistant Secretary- General, League of Arab States	1900 - 2000
	Venue: League of Arab States Headquarters	
	Host country attendees:	
	HE Mr Hossam Zaki, Assistant Secretary-General, League of Arab States	
	Australian attendees:	
	Assistant Minister Watts	

Local Time		Canberra Time
s.47F(1)	Ambassador Wabenhorst	
1100 - 1230	Transfer to the Ministry of Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates' Affairs	2000 - 2130
1230 - 1300	Time to refresh and pre-briefing from Ministry of Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates' Affairs officials	2130-2200
1300 - 1330	Meeting with HE Minister Soha Gendi – Minister of Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates' Affairs	2200 - 2230
	Venue: Ministry of Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates' Affairs, New Administrative Capital	
	Host country attendees:	
	HE Ms Soha Gendi, Minister for Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates' Affairs	
	Ambassador Amr Mahmoud Abbas, Assistant Minister for Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates' Affairs	
	<u>Australian attendees:</u>	
	Assistant Minister Watts	
	Ambassador Wabenhorst	
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1330 - 1500	Transfer to Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2230 - 0000 + 1
1500 - 1545	Meeting with HE Ambassador Hamdi Loza, Deputy Foreign Minister	0000 - 0045 +1
	Venue: Ministry of Foreign Affairs	
	Host country attendees:	
	HE Ambassador Hamdi Loza, Deputy Foreign Minister	
	Australian attendees:	



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1725 - 1735	Transfer to St Regis Hotel	0225 - 0235 +1
1735	End of official engagements	0235 +1

Wednesday 13 December

Local Time		Canberra Time
0530 - 0615	Transfer to Cairo International Airport	1430 - 1515
0813	Departed Cairo for Amman (Flight MS0719)	1713



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VISIT TO EGYPT

Cairo 11-13 December 2023



Front cover photo: The Pyramids of Giza, in Giza, Egypt

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Following the Doha Forum your visit to Egypt will be **focused on discussing the Hamas-Israel conflict, humanitarian access matters, and messaging our desire to strengthen important bilateral links.**Egypt is our second largest trading partner in Africa.

Like Qatar, Egypt has been a critical partner and mediator in the current Hamas-Israel conflict. It has been integral to assisting Australians to depart from Gaza and arrive home safely.

This visit will be an important opportunity to express our deep appreciation to the Egyptian government for its support in facilitating Australians out of Gaza through the Rafah crossing, its ongoing role in facilitating the transfer of humanitarian supplies into Gaza and its diplomatic efforts to de-escalate the conflict. This has been critical in preventing conflict from spilling over to other countries in the region.

Your discussions will also be a valuable opportunity to garner insights on the outlook for the conflict

You will also discuss avenues for cooperation in multilateral settings to strengthen the rules-based order in various meetings with officials from the Egyptian government, multilateral agencies and key stakeholders operating in Egypt.

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Your program may include a visit to the UNHCR registration centre where most registrants are Sudanese. This will be an opportunity to draw attention to and inform Australia's contribution to the Sudan crisis and convey our concern on its impact on neighbouring countries.

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Egypt's presidential election will take place from 10-12 December.

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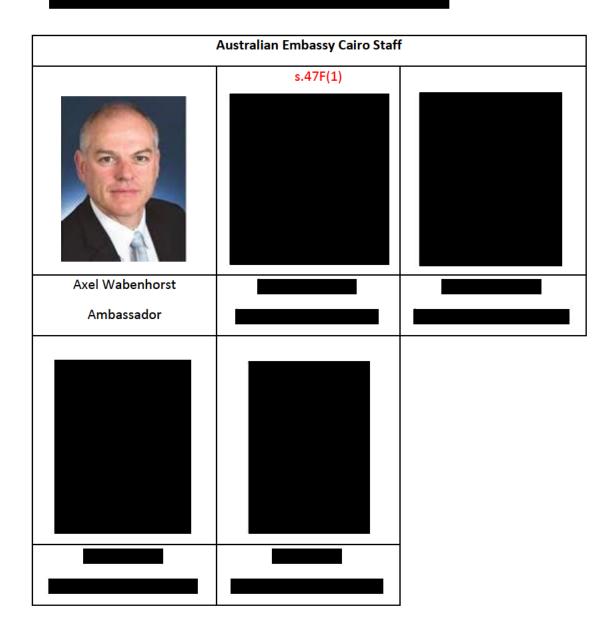
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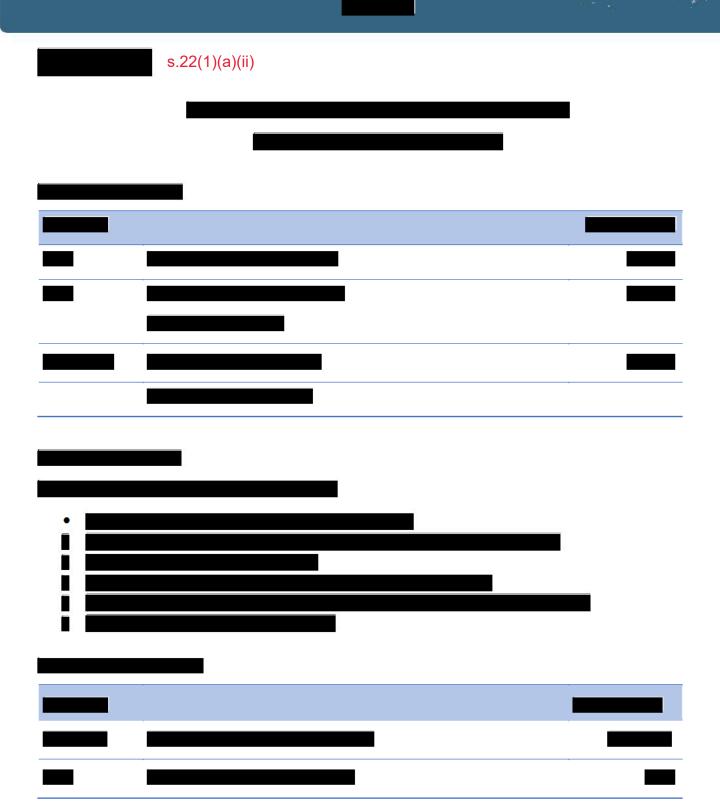
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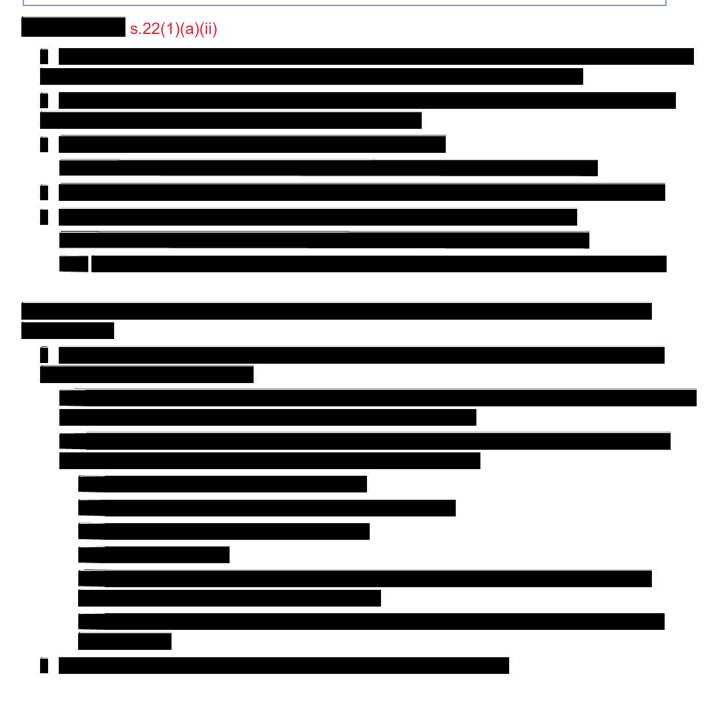


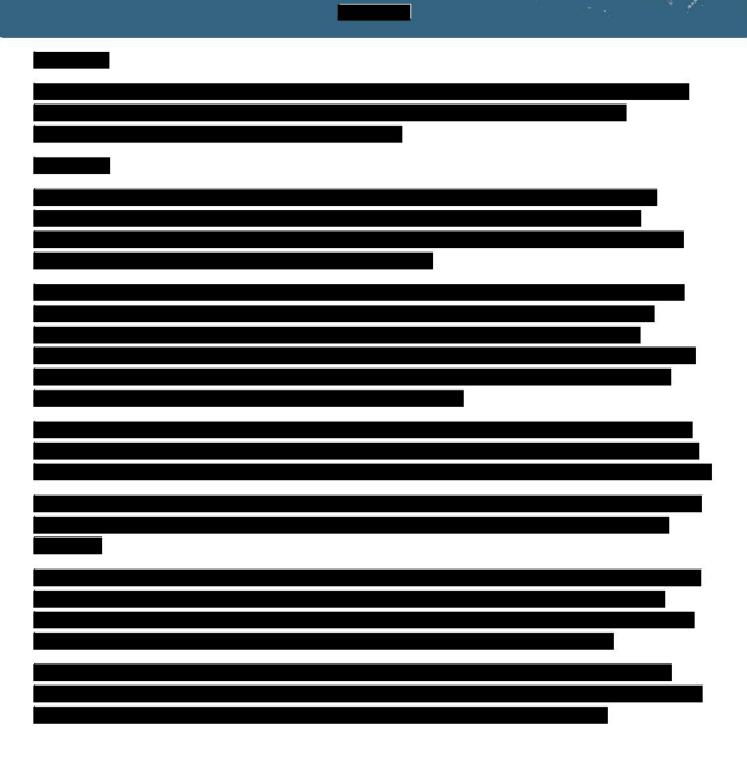
BILATERAL BRIEFS

UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR)

Purpose:

- Underline Australia's support for the Sudan crisis response, including our support for the UNHCR through the Regional Refugee Response Plan.
- Seek views on the regional hosting of refugees from Sudan and how this is impacting neighbouring countries.







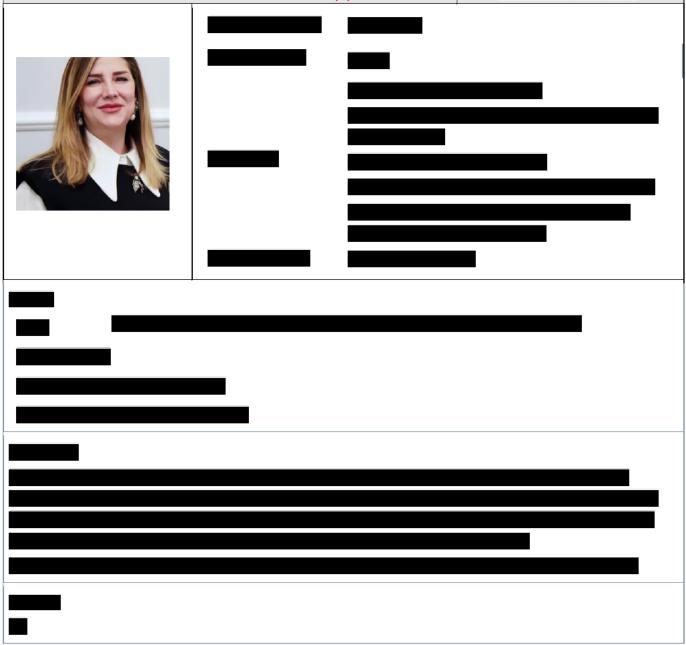
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Dr Hanan <u>HAMDAN</u>

UNHCR representative to Egypt and to the League of Arab States
UNHCR Egypt



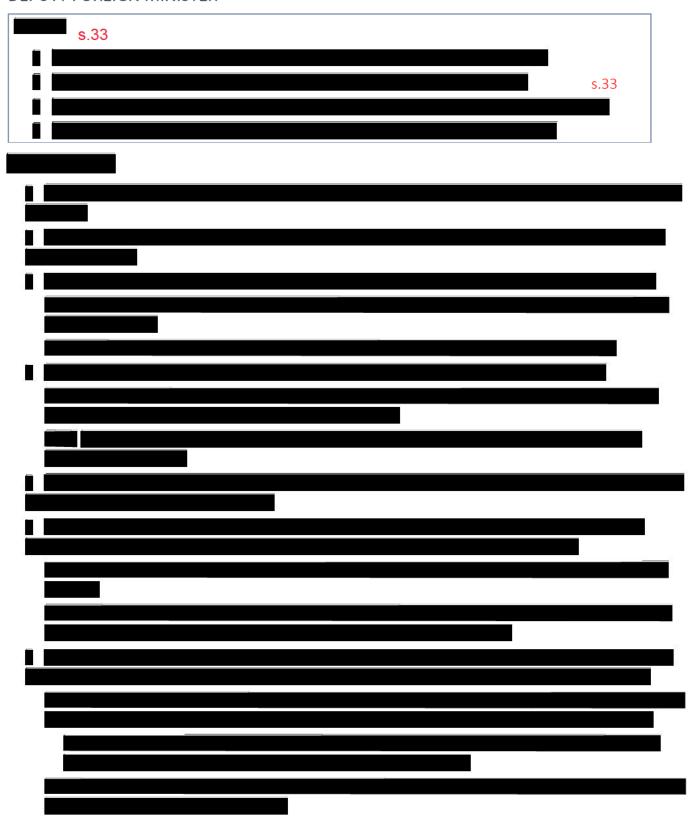
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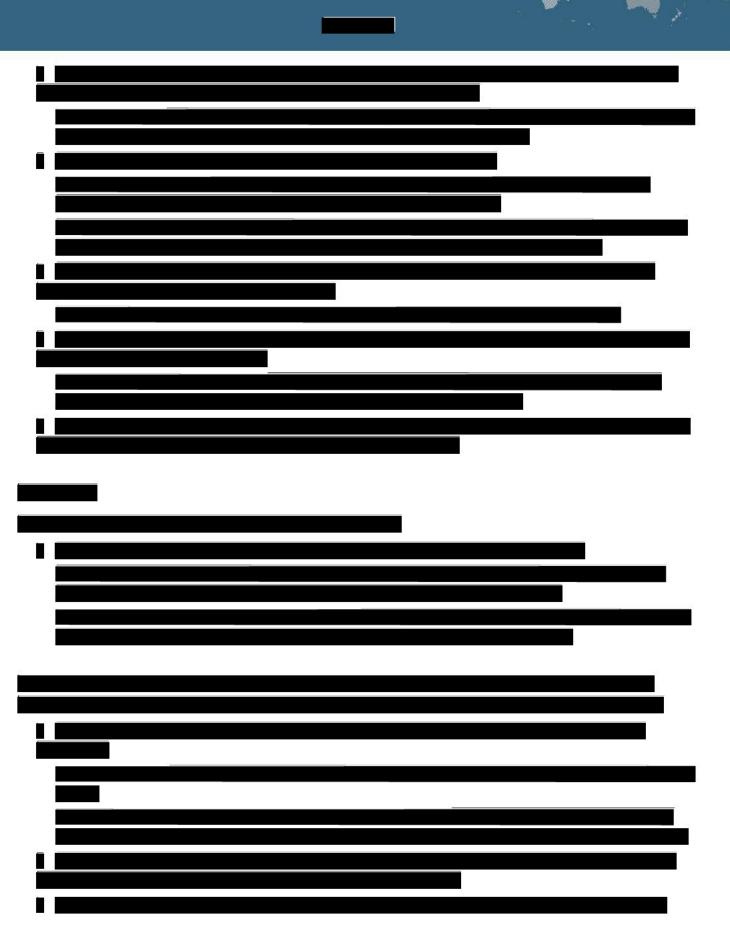




HIS EXCELLENCY HAMDI SANAD <u>LOZA</u>

DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER









Biography

Ambassador Hamdi Sanad <u>LOZA</u>	
Deputy Foreign Minister	
EGYPT	
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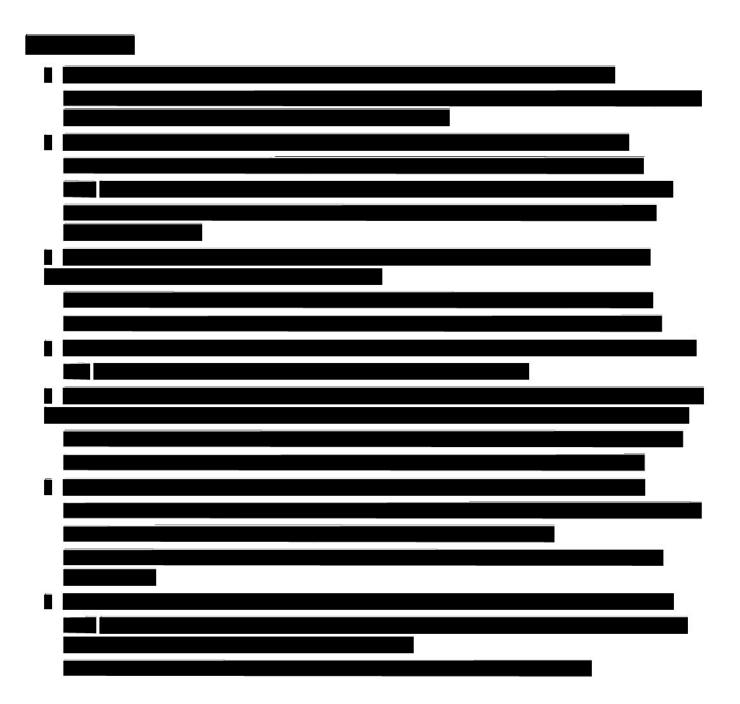
MR BRADLEY C. LYNCH: MULTINATIONAL FORCE AND OBSERVERS (MFO)

DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPRESENTATIVE AT MFO CAIRO

Purpose:

• Seek insights into the impacts of the Hamas-Israel conflict on border dynamics and stability in the Sinai Peninsula, noting MFO North Camp's proximity to the Rafah crossing with Gaza.

highlight our longstanding commitment to the MFO.





Mr Bradley C. LYNCH

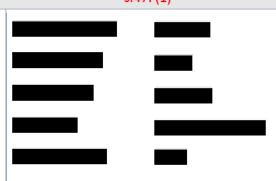
Director General's Representative in Cairo

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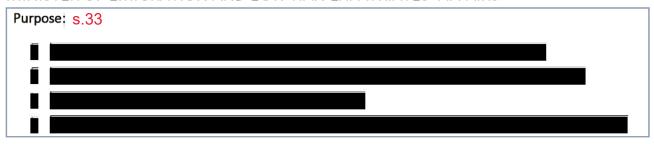


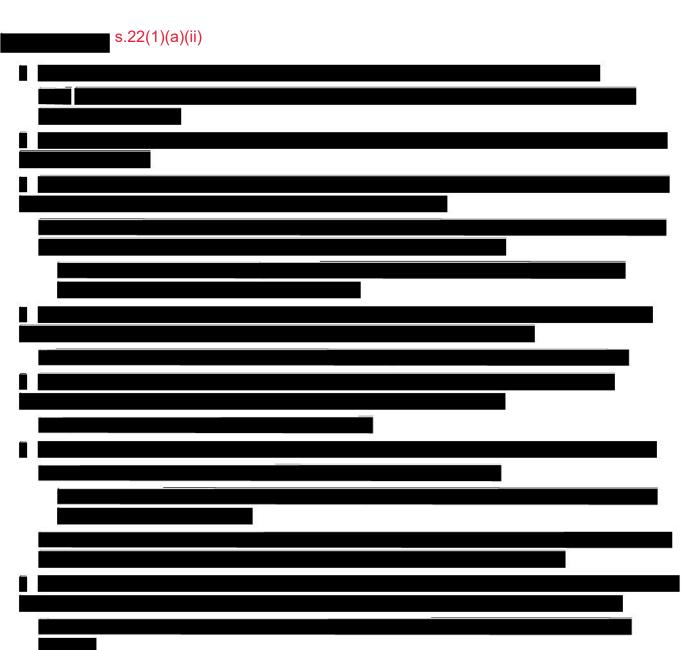




HER EXCELLENCY SOHA GENDI

MINISTER OF EMIGRATION AND EGYPTIAN EXPATRIATES' AFFAIRS







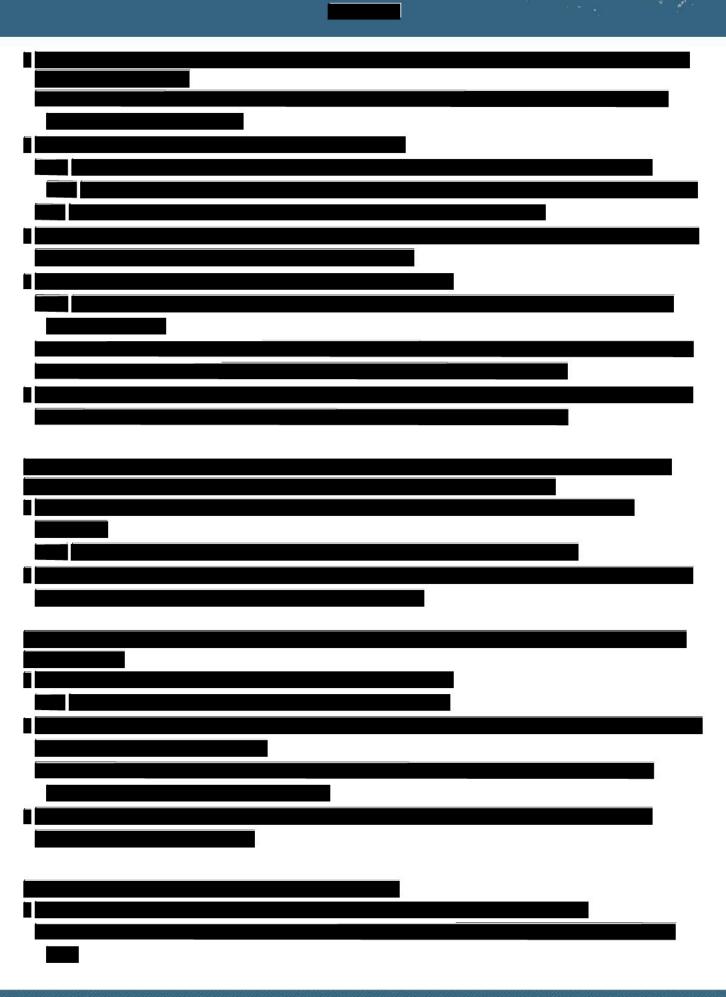
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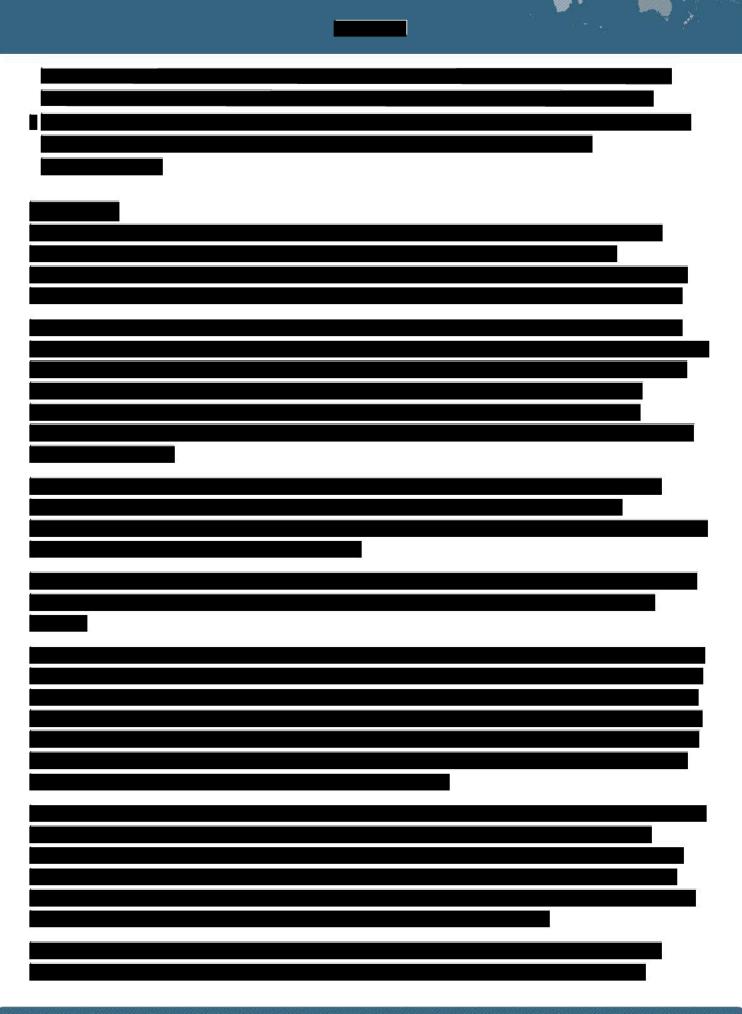
HE Ms Soha <u>GENDI</u> Minister of Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates' Affairs **EGYPT** s.47F(1)

EVENT AND MULTILATERAL BRIEFS

COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES (THE ARAB LEAGUE)

Time and Place	Key attendees
League of Arab States Headquarters, Garden City	Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the Office of the Secretary-General, Ambassador Hossam Zaki.
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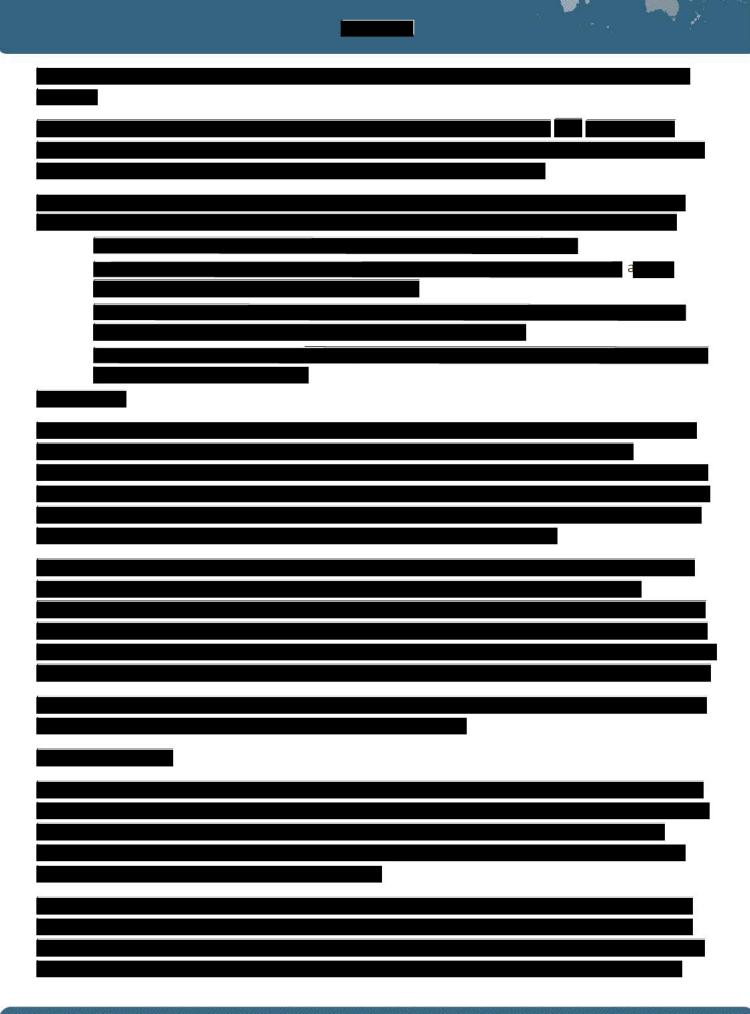




Biography

Mr Hossam ZAKI **Assistant Secretary General LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES** s.47F(1)

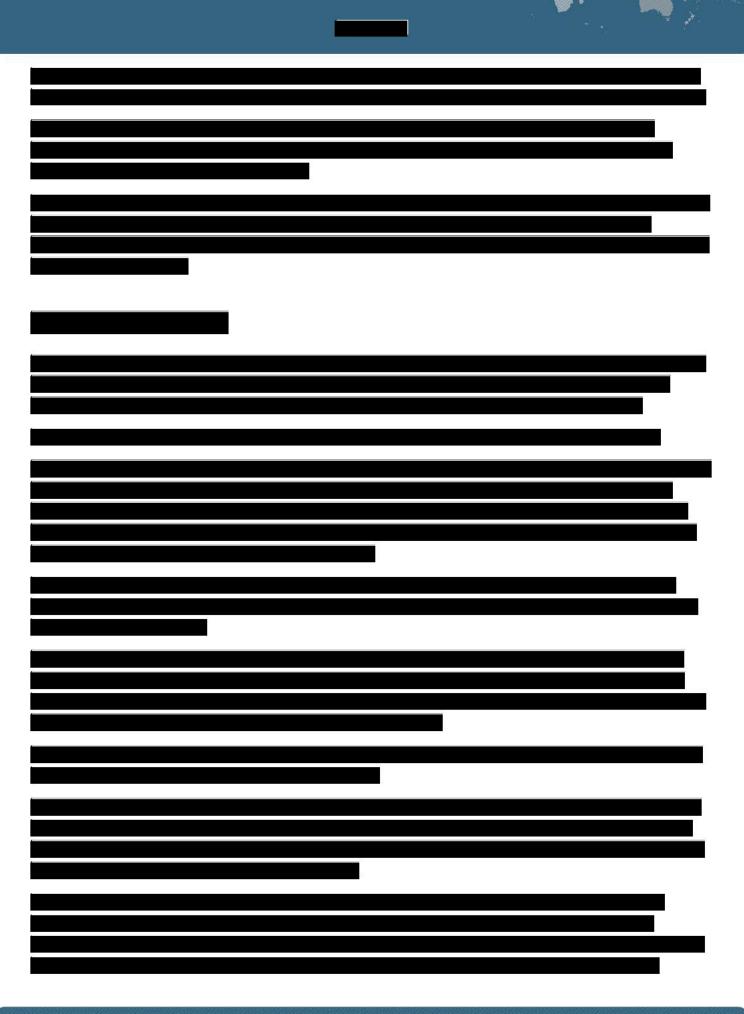








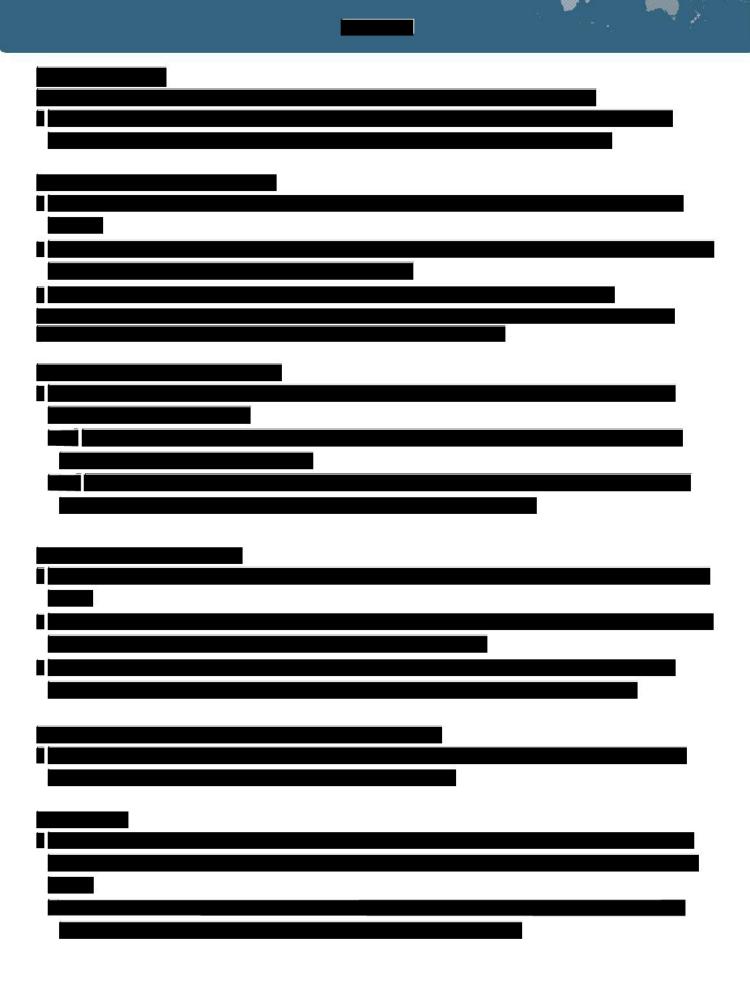
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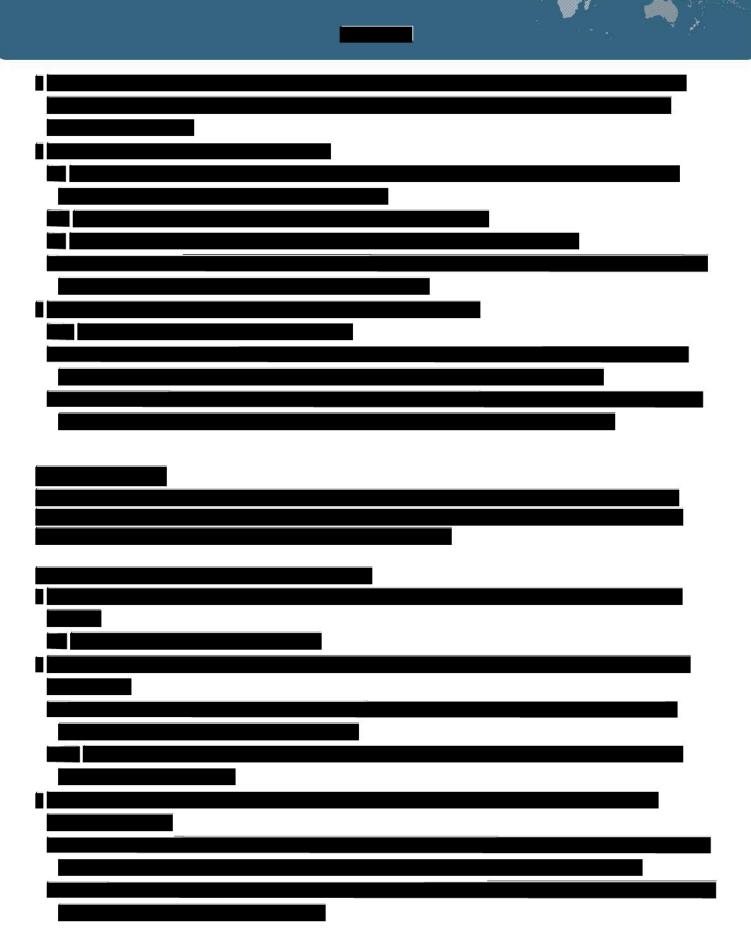


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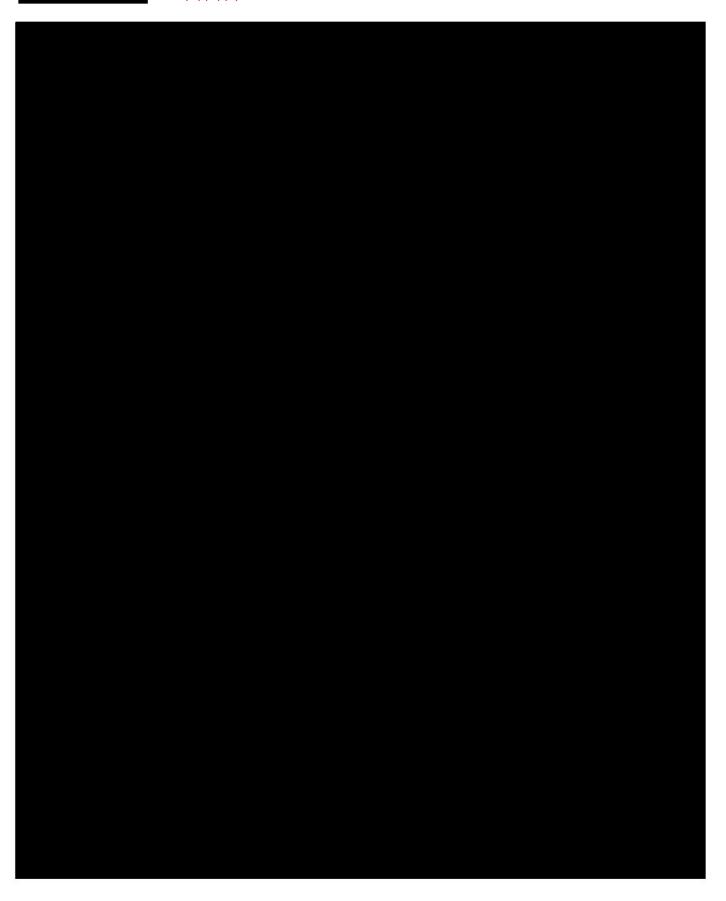






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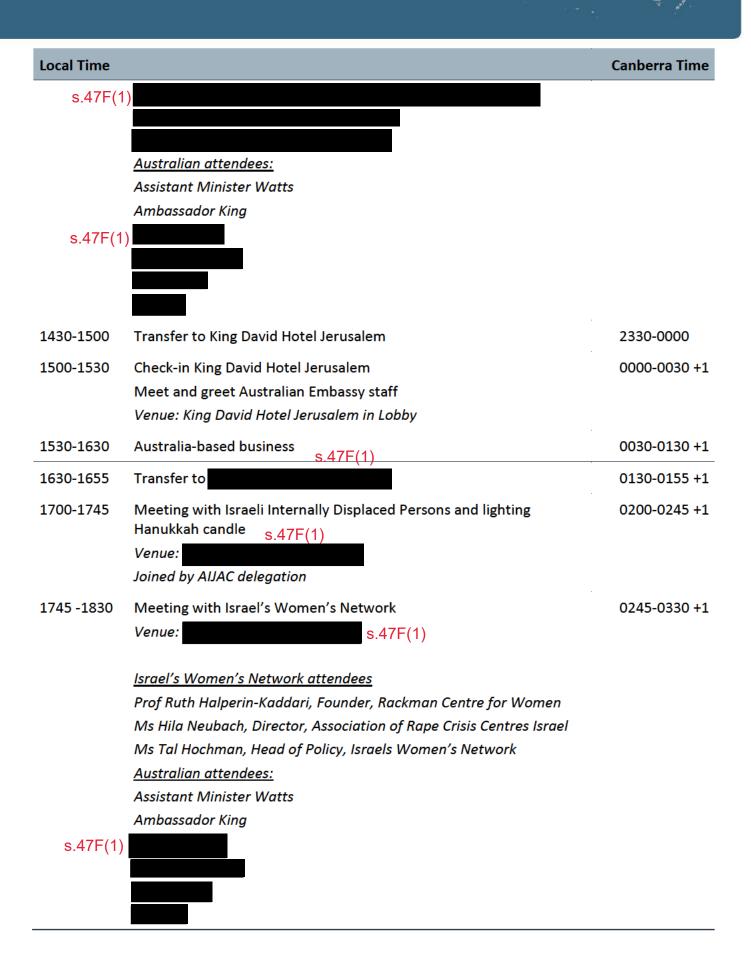




ISRAEL PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER

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Local Time		Canberra Time
1045-1115	Arrive and transit Israel-Jordanian Allenby Bridge crossing	1945-2015
	Met by:	
	HE Dr Ralph King, Australian Ambassador to Israel	
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1115-1220	Transfer to Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem	2015-2120
1245-1320	Meeting with Foreign Minister Cohen	2120-2220
	Venue: MFA Jerusalem	
	Host Country attendance	
	Host Country attendees: H.E. Mr. Eli Cohen, Foreign Minister	
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	Association in the male and	
	Australian attendees: The Hon Tim Watts MP, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs	
	Ambassador King	
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1320-1340	Transfer to PMO National Security Council	2220-2240
1345-1430	Meeting with Senior Deputy National Security Adviser Reich	2245-2330
	Venue: PMO National Security Council	
	NSC attendees:	
	Mr Gil Reich, Deputy National Security Advisor	



Local Time		Canberra Time
	Joined by AIJAC delegation	
1830-1850	Transfer to American Colony Hotel East Jerusalem	0330-0350 +1
1900 - 2000	Dinner meeting with Lynn Hastings, UN Humanitarian Coordinator, and Michael Neuwirth, Office of the Quartet	0400-0500 +1
	Venue: American Colony Hotel East Jerusalem	
	Acceptualism attacks and a second	
	Australian attendees:	
	Assistant Minister Watts	
	Ambassador King	
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	Mr Edward Russell, Representative, ARO Ramallah	
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2000 -2020	Transfer to King David Hotel Jerusalem	0500-0520 +1
2020-2030	Refresh at King David Hotel Jerusalem	0520-0530 +1
2030-2145	Australian media engagement	0530-0645 +1
	Venue: King David Hotel Jerusalem	
	End of official engagements	

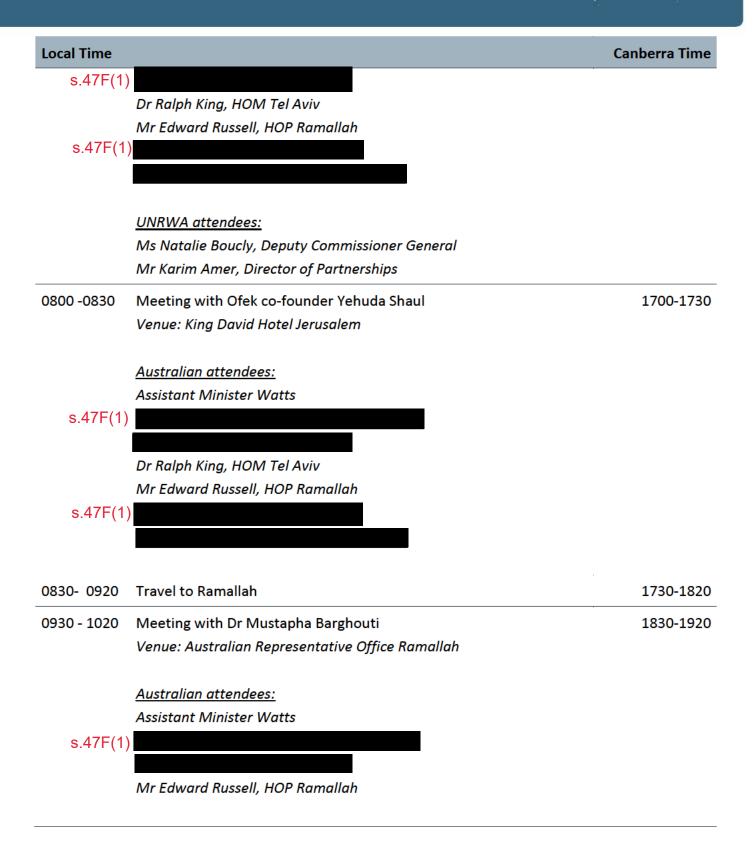
OCCUPIED PALESTINAN TERRITORIES PROGRAM

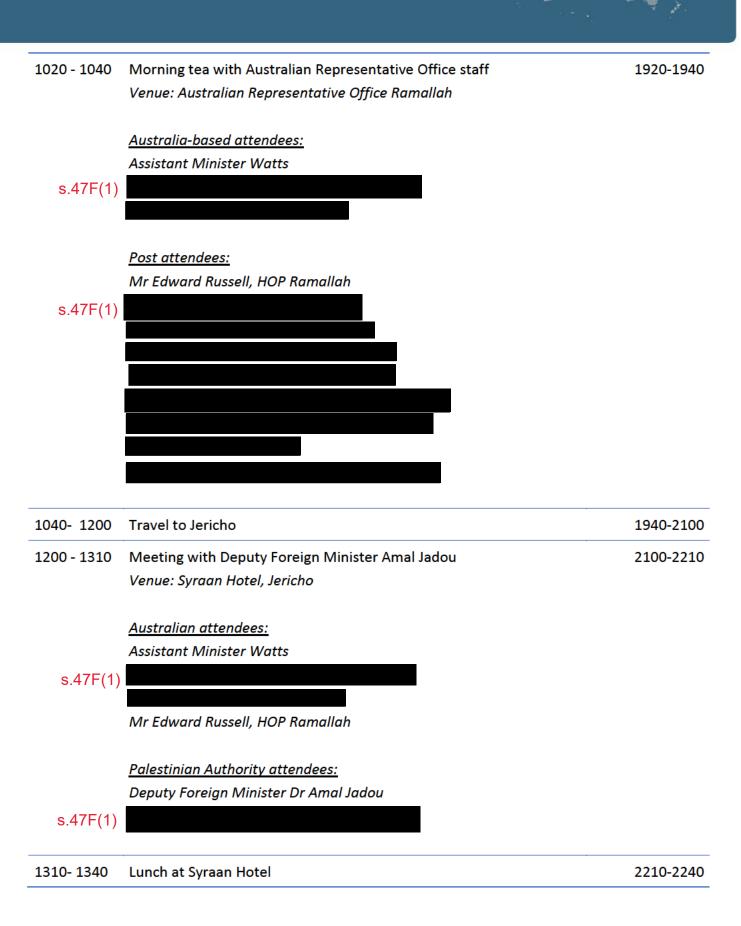
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	Assistant Minister Watts	
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THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER

Local Time		Canberra Time
0700 - 0800	Breakfast with UNRWA Deputy Commissioner General Natalie Boucly Venue: King David Hotel Jerusalem	0400-0500 +1
s.47F(1)	Australian attendees: Assistant Minister Watts	





1340 - 1405	Travel to King Hussein (Allenby Bridge) Border crossing.	2240-2305
	Met on arrival by HOM and DHOM Amman	
	End of program	



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VISIT TO ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES - TALKING POINTS

Jerusalem and Ramallah, December 2023



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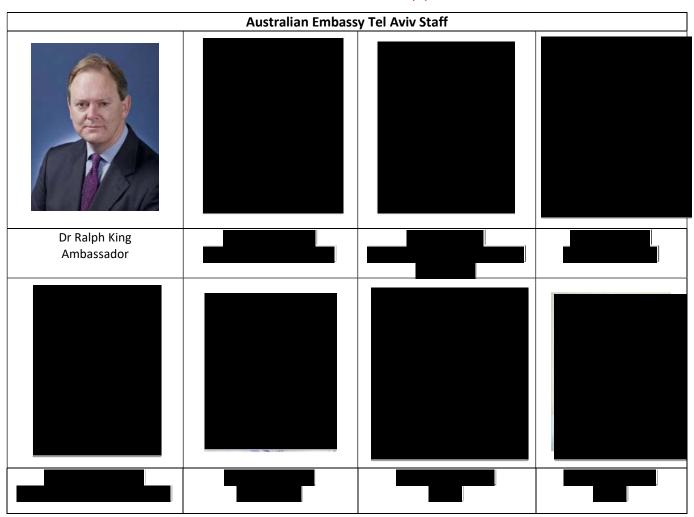
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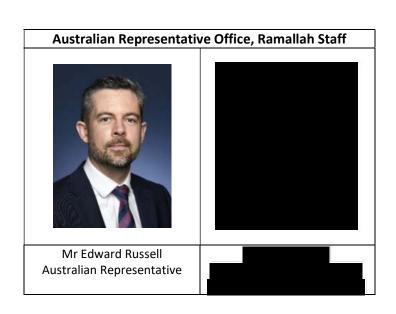
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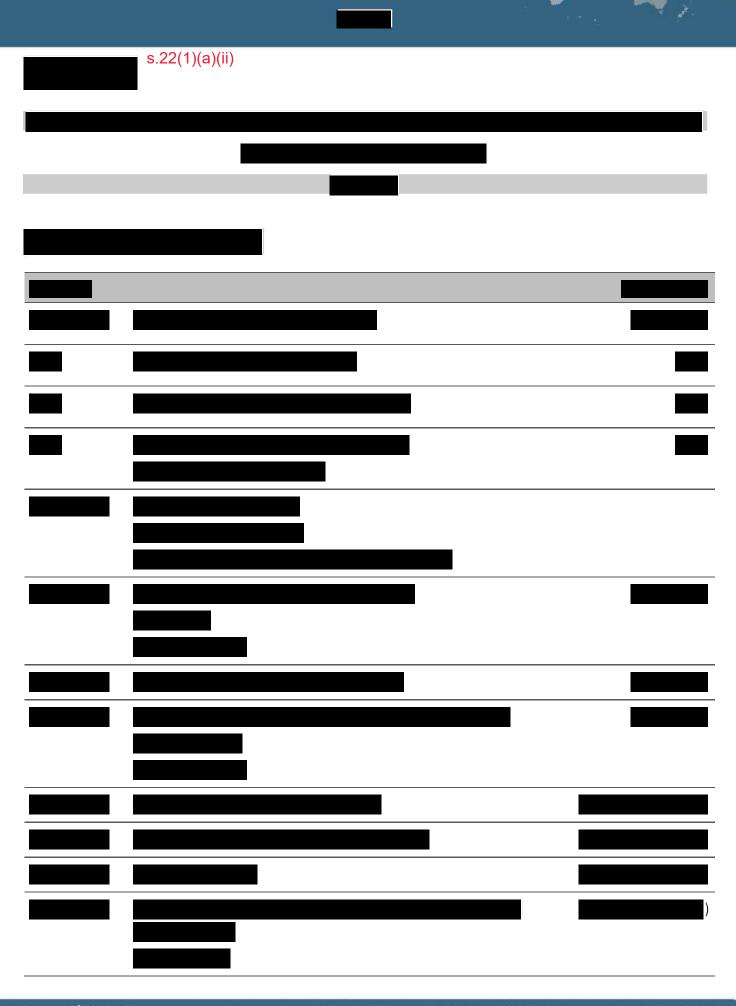
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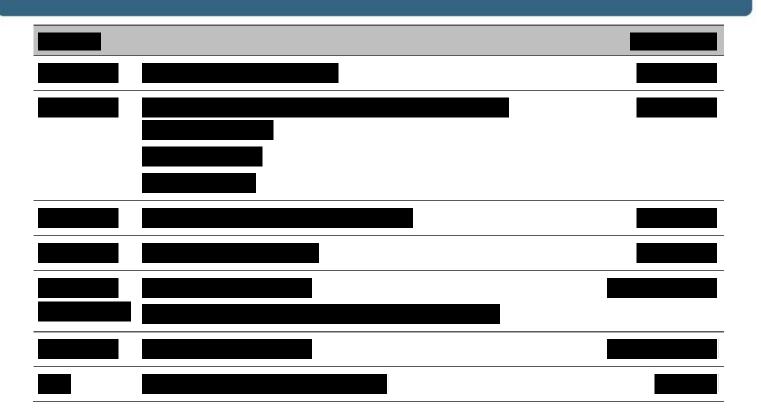
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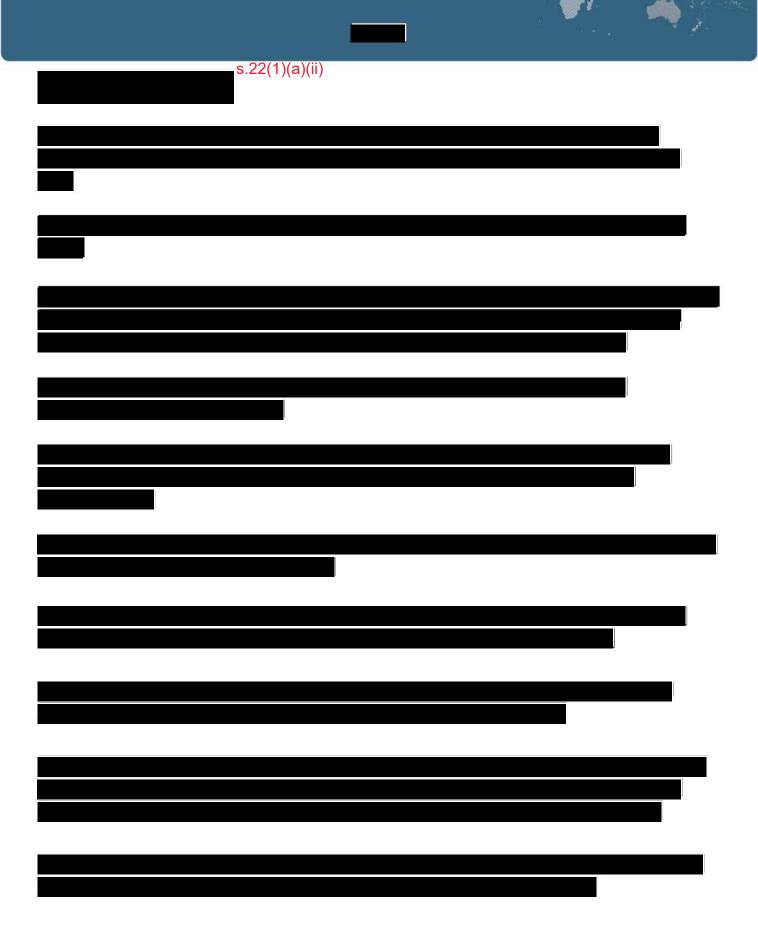








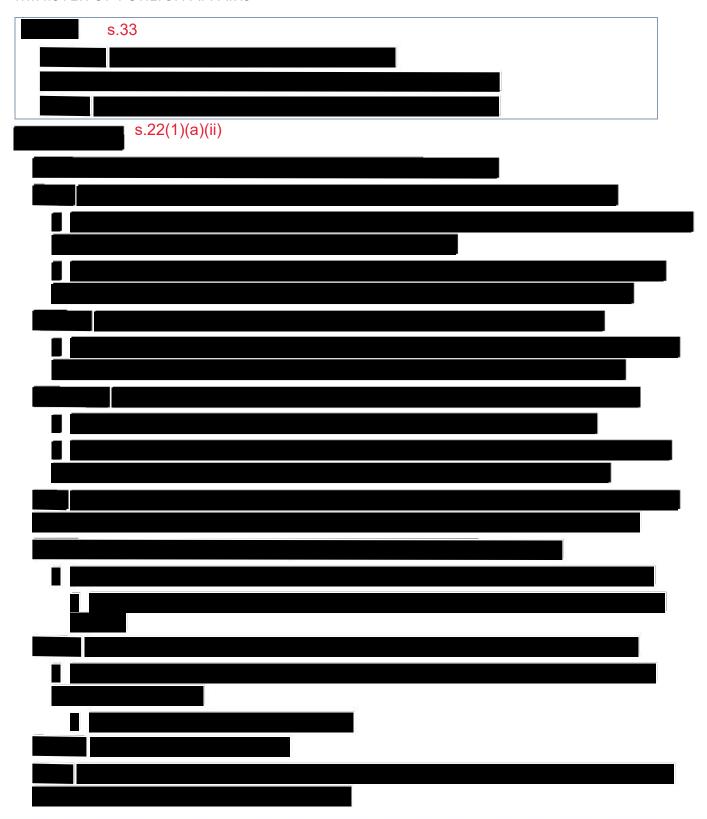


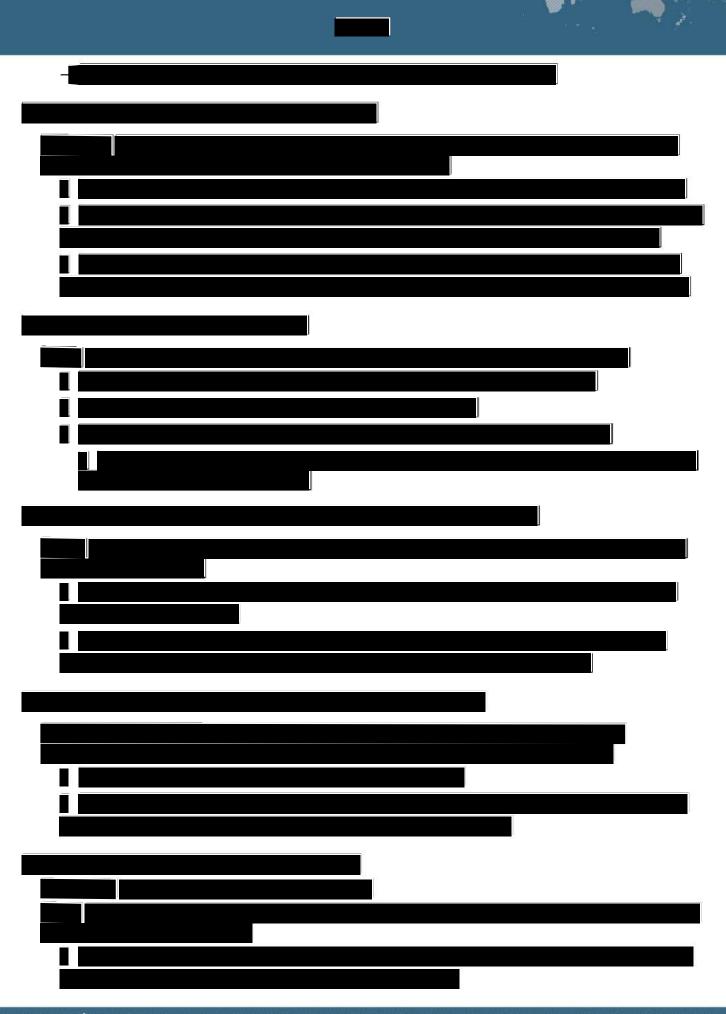


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ISRAEL: MR ELI COHEN

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS



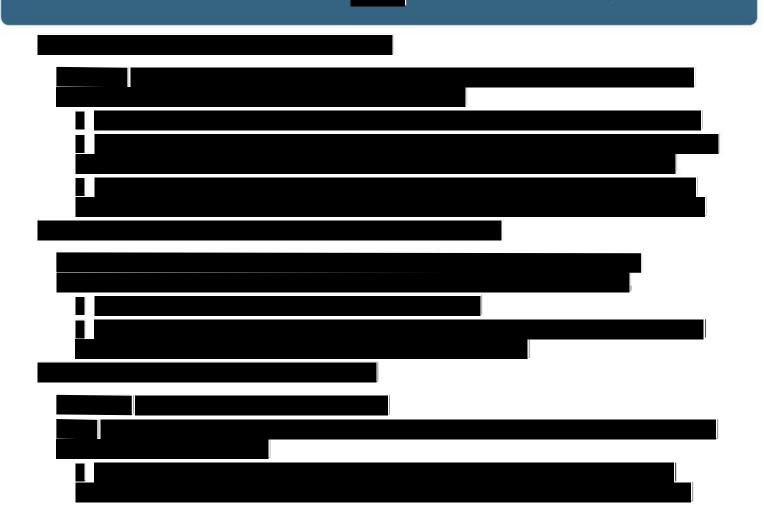


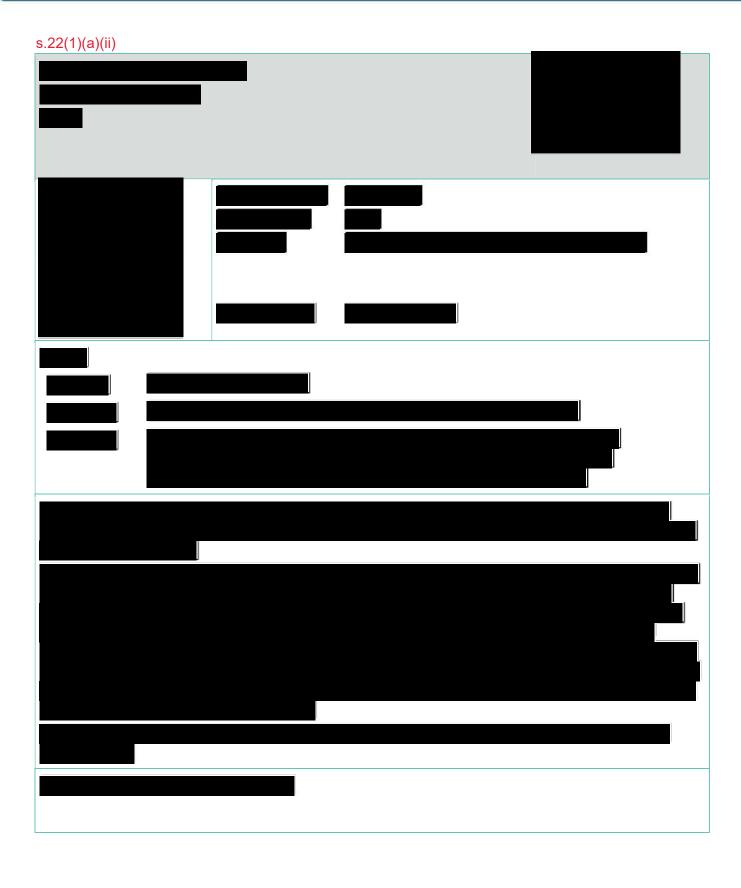


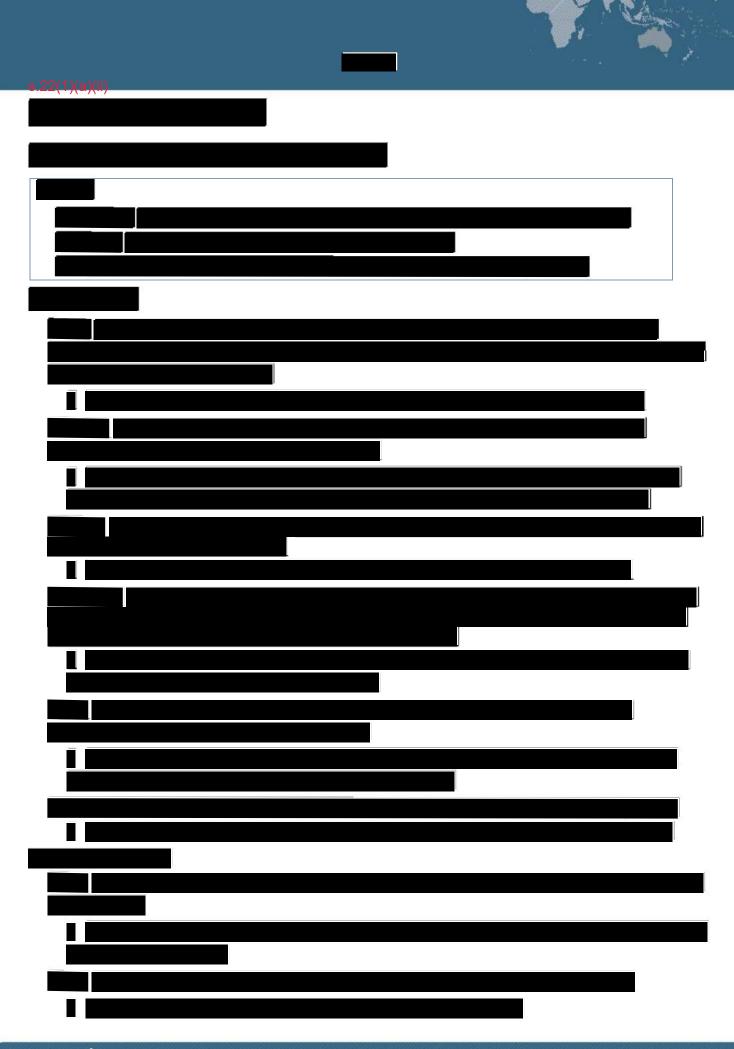


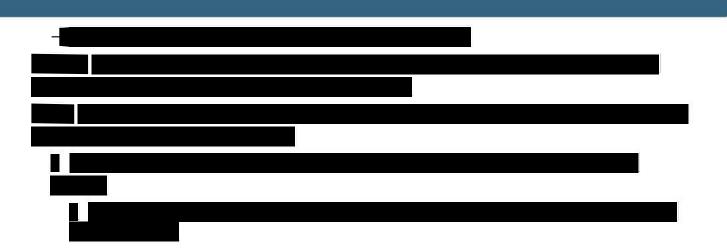


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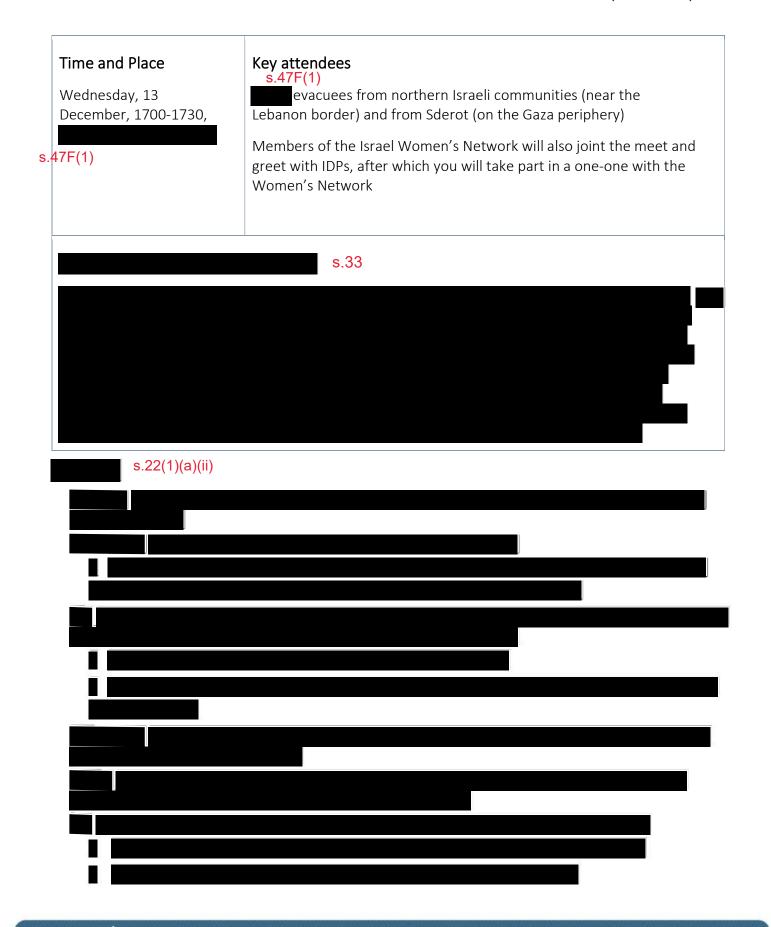


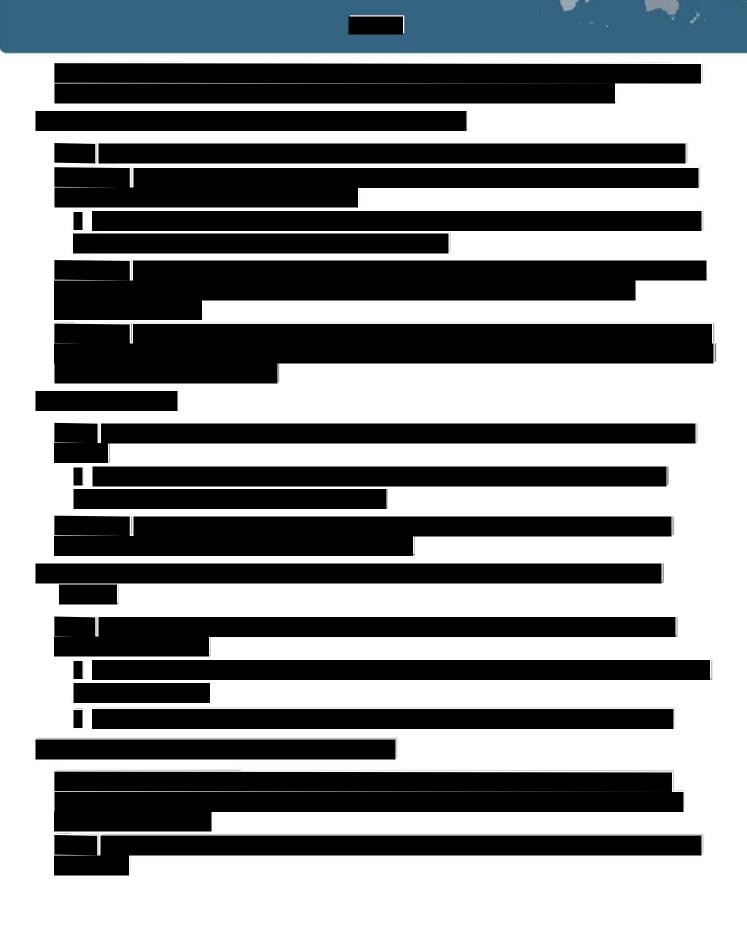






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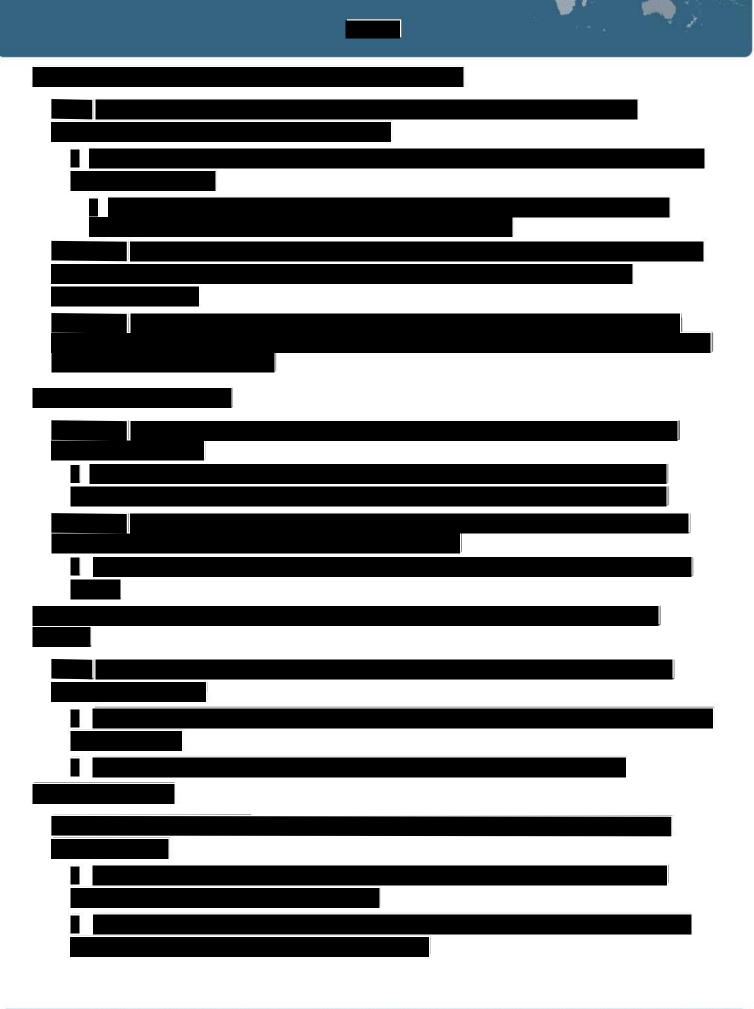


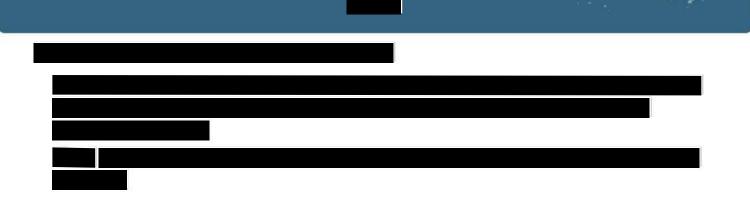


ISRAEL: DISCUSSION WITH ISRAEL WOMEN'S NETWORK

Time and Place Wednesday 13 s.47F(1) December, 1730-1810, s.33 The meeting will provide an opportunity to hear the perspectives of Israeli women on sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) in the conflict. You will be able to reiterate Australia's condemnation of the Hamas' attacks, position on the conflict and our priority to prevent and respond to all forms of SGBV, wherever they occur.









Name Einat Fischer Lalo

Position CEO, The Israel Women's Network

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Time and Place Key attendees Wednesday, 13 Lynn Hastings, Deputy Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Resident Coordinator, UN Humanitarian Coordinator December, 1830-2010, American Colony Hotel. Michael Neuwirth, Deputy Head of Office, Office of the Quartet for Middle East Peace s.33 The dinner is an opportunity to hear the United Nations' assessment of the humanitarian situation in Gaza. Dinner guests include outgoing UN Humanitarian Coordinator OPTs Lynn Hastings' and/or Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Tor Wennesland. On 6 December, Israeli Foreign Minister Eli Cohen publicly confirmed that Israel had cancelled her visa, for not condemning Hamas for October 7 Attacks. s.22(1)(a)(ii)

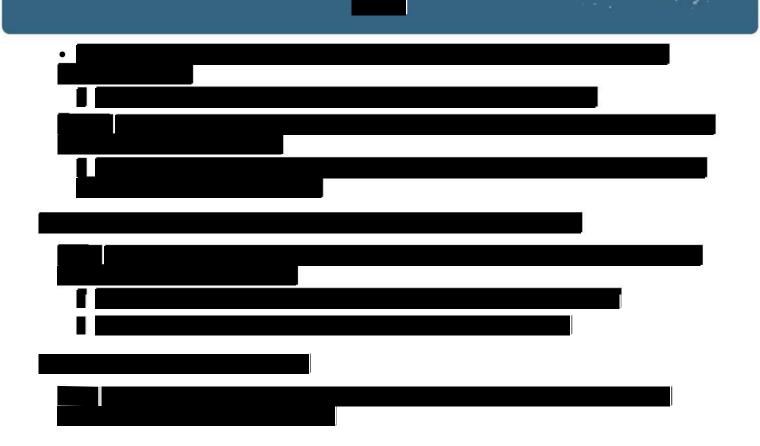






OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES: UNRWA

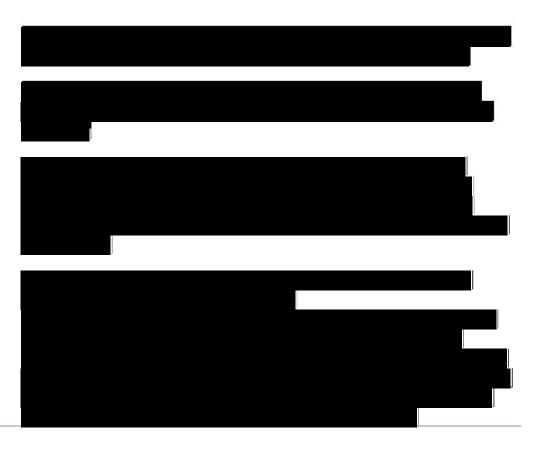
Time and Place	Key attendees
Thursday 14 December, 0700-0800, King David	Natalie Boucly, Acting Deputy Commissioner General, UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)
Hotel	Karim Amer, Director of Partnerships
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	opportunity to demonstrate Australia's ongoing commitment to our d understand the challenges related to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.
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Ms Natalie Boucly
Acting Deputy Commissioner General
Director of Partnerships, UNRWA

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Mr Karim Amer

Director of Partnerships, UNRWA

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OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES: YEHUDA SHAUL

Time and Place	Key attendees
Thursday 14 December, 0800-0830, King David Hotel	Yehuda Shaul, Co-founder, Ofek: the Israeli Centre for Public Affairs

Purpose

Yehuda Shaul will provide a briefing on developments in the West Bank, including the nature of the occupation, the settlement enterprise and related issues like settler violence against Palestinians.



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Mr Yehuda Shaul
Co-founder: Ofek, the Israeli Centre for Public Affairs
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OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES: MUSTAFA BARGHOUTI

Thursday 14 December, Mustafa Barghouti, Secretary General and co-founder of the Palestinian National Initiative	
Representative Office Ramallah	of

Purpose

Barghouti is a veteran Palestinian political figure and former Presidential candidate. He is well placed to provide views on Israeli-Palestinian relations and recent developments in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Palestinian politics. He is also heavily involved with the NGO community, meaning he will have views on civil society in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and the pressures NGOs face from Israel, the PA and other Palestinian actors.

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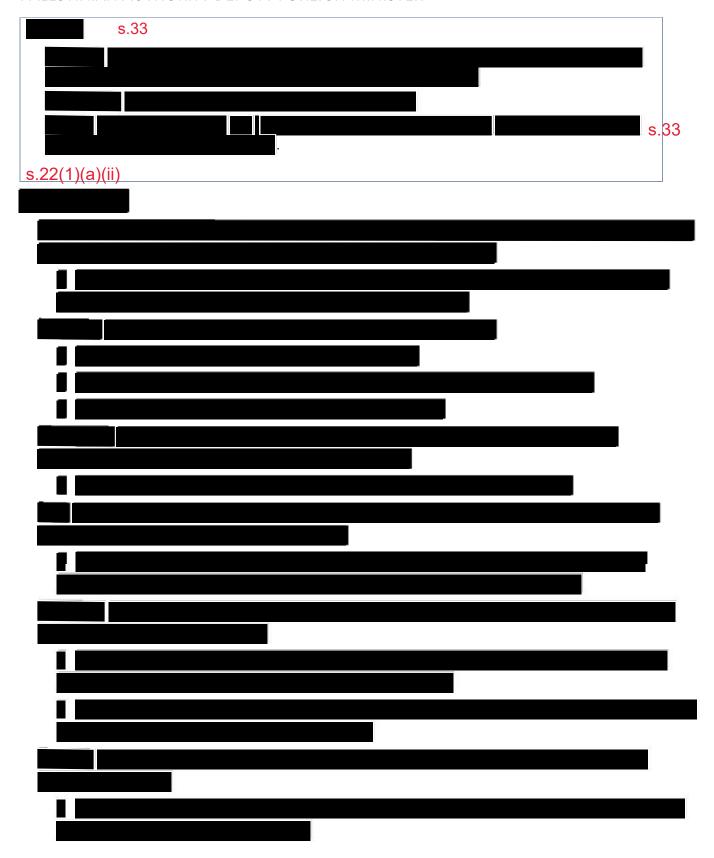
Mustafa Barghouti

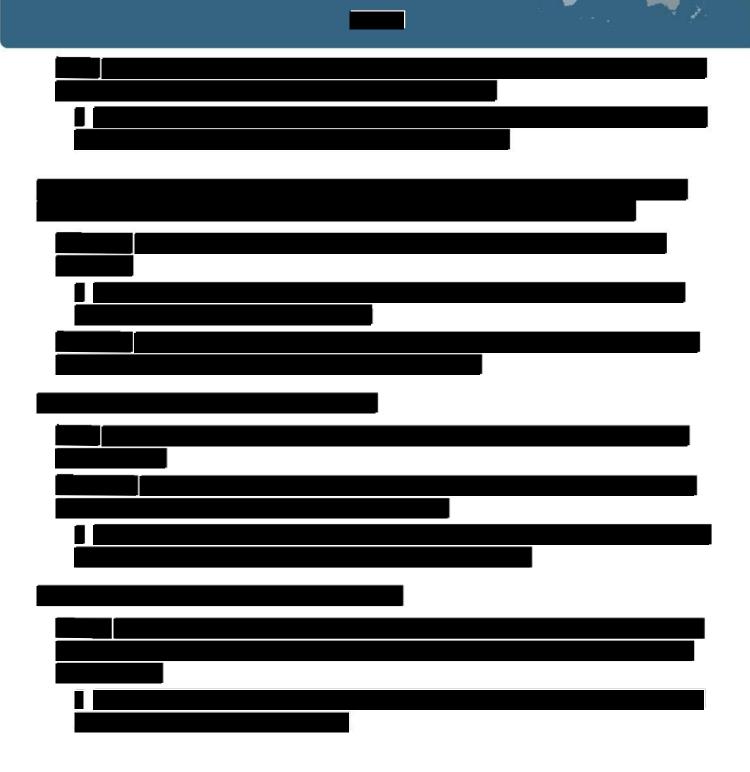
Secretary General and co-founder of the Palestinian National Initiative s.47F(1)



OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES: DR AMAL JADOU

PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER

























MIDDLE EAST VISIT - FRAMES, NARRATIVE, POINTS



FRAME: VISIT OVERVIEW

- The Albanese Government deploys all elements of our national power to make Australia more stable, confident and secure at home, and more influential in the world.
- Since October 7 Australia has sought to work with countries that have influence in the region to assist Australians, to help protect and support civilians, to help prevent conflict from spreading and to reinforce the need for a just and enduring peace.
- During this visit I have engaged with key countries in the region in the pursuit of all of these objectives.
- This has laid the groundwork for deeper Ministerial engagement next year.

FRAME: PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS

- The world has witnessed a harrowing number of civilian deaths, including children. This must not continue.
- More than 60 per cent of residential dwellings in Gaza are reported by the
 United Nations to be damaged or destroyed. Nearly eight in ten civilians have
 been displaced. Civilians who fled northern Gaza are now being pushed
 further south, and as the conflict spreads south, there are increasingly few
 safe places to go.
- Civilians and civilian infrastructure must be protected and we continue to call for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages.
- These are messages I have reinforced throughout my visit.

FRAME: CEASEFIRE + TWO-STATE SOLUTION

- Australia deeply regrets that hostilities have resumed. The seven-day pause allowed for the release of 105 hostages from Gaza and for a much-needed increase in critical humanitarian assistance.
- We continue to support international efforts towards a sustainable ceasefire, which cannot be one sided. Hamas is still bombing Israel, using Palestinian civilians as shields, and holding hostages.
- We recognise Israel's right to defend itself and stress that the way it does so matters. We have been clear that Israel must respect international humanitarian law and conduct military operations lawfully.
- Ultimately, we must work towards a long-term, enduring peace. This requires a two-state solution, with Israelis and Palestinians living securely and prosperously within internationally-recognised borders.
- This visit furthers our support for a two-state solution by engaging Israeli and Palestinian stakeholders, and influential countries who will be instrumental in supporting long-term peace in the region.

FRAME: MESSAGE TO AUSTRALIANS

- This is a deeply distressing time for many Australians.
- Including members of our Jewish community who lost loved ones in the abhorrent attacks by Hamas, and members of our Palestinian community who have lost loved ones. And for many more who feel deeply about this issue.
- During my visit I have continued our sustained advocacy for the protection of civilians, release of hostages, and work towards a just and enduring peace, with all stakeholders.

FRAME: AIJAC

- Pleased to engage with a bipartisan delegation in working towards a ceasefire and enduring peace.
- Will leave the delegation to discuss their study tour.
- My official travel has allowed me to engage not only Israel, but with the Palestinian Authority, and with countries of influence Qatar and Egypt.

FRAME: EGYPT

- Egypt has influence over developments that matter to us, including assisting Australians to leave Gaza and to facilitate humanitarian access.
- Egypt is an important mediator in the Hamas-Israel conflict, and my visit is an
 opportunity to support efforts by Egypt and the Arab League to prevent further
 escalation of the conflict and support stability in the Middle East.

FRAME: QATAR

- Qatar is an influential country in the Middle East. Qatar has played an important role in mediating the Hamas-Israel conflict and in negotiating the seven-day pause which allowed for the release of 105 hostages.
- Qatar is also a significant economic partner for Australia, as our third largest trading partner in the Middle East and North Africa.
- My visit allows me to thank Qatar for their support in assisting Australians impacted by this crisis, to engage with them on next steps for resolving the crisis, and to deepen our economic cooperation.

FRAME: ISRAEL AND THE OPTS

- My visit allows me to engage with members of the Israeli Government and the Knesset, as well as with the Palestinian Authority.
- It is important to engage with both sides if we are to realise a just and enduring peace founded on a two-state solution.

MIDDLE EAST PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Engaging with countries of influence

- Israel Minister for Foreign Affairs, Eli Cohen; Chair of the Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee, Yuli Edelstein; Knesset Parliamentary Australia Friendship Group.
- OPTs Foreign Minister Riad Malki.
- Qatar Minister of State for International Cooperation Lolwah Al-Khater;
 Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mohammed Al-Khulaifi.
- Egypt Minister for Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates' Affairs, Ms Soha Gendi; Deputy Foreign Minister Ambassador Hamdi Loza.
- United Kingdom Minister of State FCDO, Lord Ahmad.
- United States US Special Envoy for Yemen, Tim Lenderking.

Shaping regional dynamics

- Attending Doha Forum, speaking on panel "Towards a multi-layered world"
- League of Arab States Assistant Secretary-General Mr Hossam Zaki.
- Multinational Force and Observers, Mr Bradley Lynch.

Speaking with non-government actors

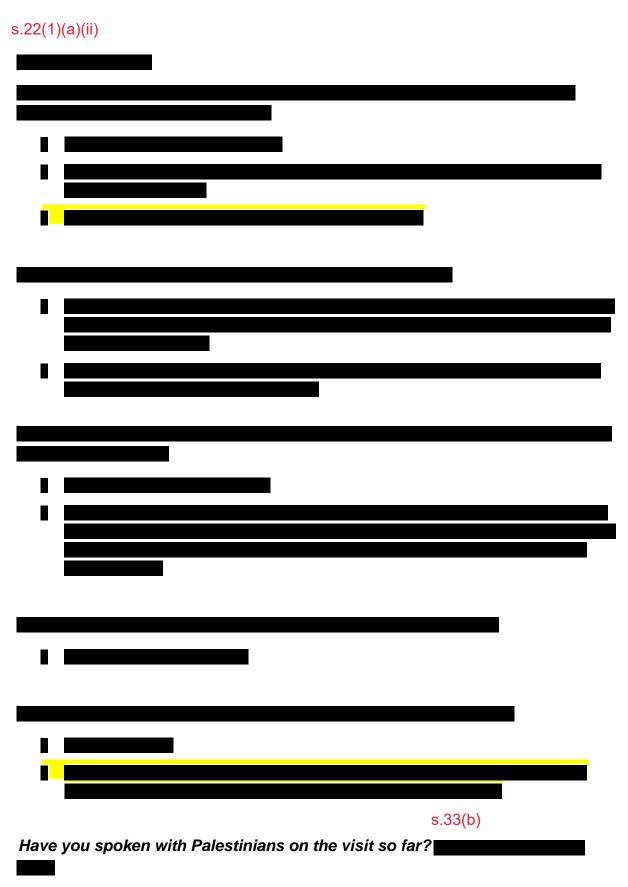
- Egypt UNHCR.
- OPTs UN Special Coordinator Tor Wennesland / UN Humanitarian Coordinator Lynn Hastings.
- Israel Women's NGO network.

Meeting people on the ground

• Staff from the Doha Embassy, Interim Mission on Afghanistan, Cairo Embassy, Australian Representative Office to Ramallah.

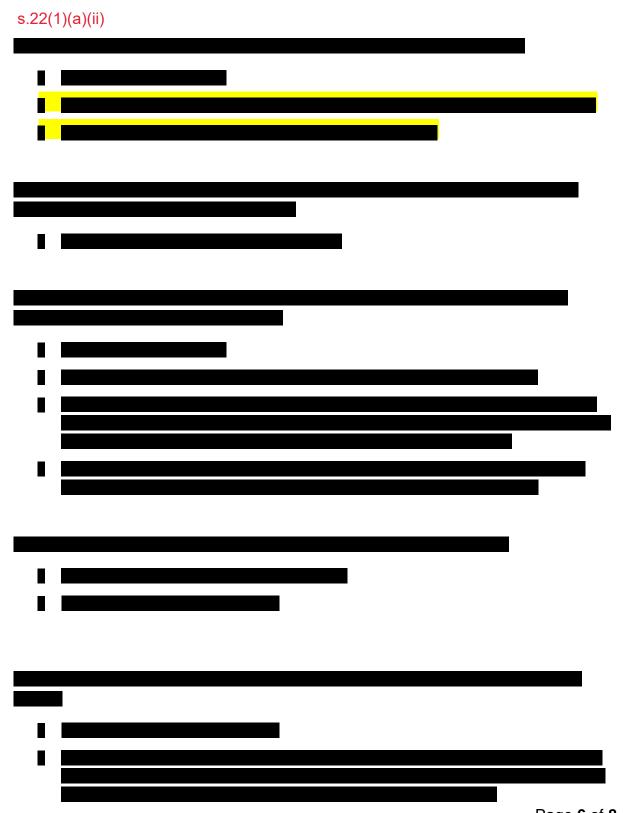
Site visits

- Egypt UNHCR Registration Centre
- OPTs St John Eye Hospital; Jerusalem.



• I will travel to Ramallah in about 12 hours.

- It is a chance to speak with members of the Palestinian Authority, who will be important in negotiations to achieve a ceasefire and post-conflict outcome for Gaza and a long-term enduring peace.
- Will also allow me to hear from United Nations officials in the West Bank who speak with Palestinian civilians every day.



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