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Tēnā koe Mohammed Khan

Thank you for your email of 19 September 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*'all documents and communications held by MFAT in regards the preparation of the following absurd statement which suggests that the zionists have the right to continue their illegal occupation of Palestinian land, in violation of the UN Charter:*

*<https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/media-and-resources/unga-illegal-israeli-actions-in-occupied-jerusalem-and-the-rest-of-the-occupied-palestinian-territory-item-5-draft-resolution-aes-10l-31rev-1-explanation-of-vote>*

On 17 October 2024, the timeframes for responding to your request were extended by an additional 20 working days due to the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request (15A(1)(b) of the OIA refers).

The following information is being released to you under the OIA:

#	Title	Date
1.	Statement to be delivered by H. E. Carolyn Schwalger	N/A
2.	FORMAL MESSAGE: MEPP: PALESTINE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION: VOTING INSTRUCTIONS	18 September 2024
3.	FORMAL MESSAGE: MEPP: PALESTINE CIRCULATES DRAFT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE ADVISORY OPINION	9 September 2024
4.	New Zealand to Vote Yes: Re: Submission - UNGA Resolution: ICJ Advisory Opinion on Israeli Occupation of Palestine	18 September 2024
5.	RE: Sub - UNGA Res - for comments by midday	13 September 2024
6.	Update on UN General Assembly resolution on the ICJ Advisory Opinion on Israel's policies and practices in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT).	10 September 2024
7.	For info: Timeline and next steps: Palestine circulates draft UNGA Res on ICJ Advisory Opinion	9 September 2024
8.	UNGA Resolution: ICJ Advisory Opinion on Israeli Occupation of Palestine	16 September 2024
9.	Advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legal consequences arising from Israel's policies and practices in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and from	N/A

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	the illegality of Israel's continued presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory	

Some of the information in these documents is withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government;
- 6(b)(i): to protect the passing of information from another government on a confidential basis;
- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy;
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments;
- 9(2)(g)(ii): to protect officers and employees from improper pressure or harassment; and,
- 9(2)(h): to maintain legal professional privilege.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, we have identified no public interest in releasing the information that would override the reasons for withholding it.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: [www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/](http://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/)

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: [DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz). You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade