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Tēnā koe Peter Brown

Thank you for your email of 23 September 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

According to whistleblowers, MFAT personnel were involved in a conspiracy by Noa Furman of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs and her subordinates including Neha Sheth of the US State Department and Anna Krahotin of Global Affairs Canada during the November 2013 sessions that led to the preparation of resolution A/RES/68/276. Language was systematically weakened around the need to protect human rights and observe international humanitarian law and protect refugees.

I am requesting-

a) All communications between July 2013 and July 2014 between Alana Messent and her main handler, Noa Furman (noa.furman@newyork.mfa.gov.il) or any other mfa.gov.il email address, and Furman's other proxies: shethn@state.gov, tanisha.hewanpola@dfat.gov.au, fumihiko.yanaka@mofa.go.jp, anna.krahotin@international.gc.ca, junichiro.otaka@mofa.go.jp.

b) All official notes and reports made by Messent in regards the meetings that led to the production of resolution A/RES/68/276.

On 21 October 2024, the timeframes for responding to your request were extended by an additional 5 working days because responding to your request necessitated the review of a large quantity of information, (section 15A(1)(a) of the OIA refers).

Part A of your request is refused under section 6(a) of the OIA, to avoid prejudicing the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government, and section 6(b)(i) to protect the passing of information from another government on a confidential basis.

Part B of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information does not exist.

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/

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at:

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade