

**DECLARATION OF OPERATIONAL SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE
VETERANS' SUPPORT ACT 2014**

In accordance with section 9 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014 ("the Act"), I hereby give the following notice.

Notice

1. I declare service:

- in the Sinai Peninsula of the Arab Republic of Egypt as defined, from 25 April 1982 up to and including 30 September 2024, to be operational service for the purposes of the Act.

Sinai Peninsula – The Sinai Peninsula of the Arab Republic of Egypt is a triangle-shaped peninsula, defined by the boundaries of the Mediterranean Sea to the North, the Red Sea to the south, the Gulf of Suez to the west, and the Gulf of Aqaba in the southeast. Its land borders with the Suez Canal to the west and the Israeli-Egyptian border to the northeast. This declaration covers all sovereign territories defined in NZDF operational orders for the Multinational Force & Observers.

2. I declare that the declaration for service in the Sinai Peninsula of the Arab Republic of Egypt will supersede the declaration for:

- Service in the Sinai Peninsula of the Arab Republic of Egypt, from 25 April 1982 up to and including 30 September 2022, made on 15 July 2020 by the Rt Hon Winston Peters, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

3. This declaration covers:

- members of the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) serving with the NZDF;
- members of the NZDF on secondment with the armed forces of other nations; and
- any person seconded to the NZDF with the permission of the Chief of Defence Force.

4. The persons covered by this declaration shall have access to the entitlements and services specified in the Act and the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014.

5. I am satisfied that there was a significant risk of harm to those that undertook this service, as required by the Act.


Dated this 24 day of July 2022

Hon MEKA WHAITIRI, Minister for Veterans