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 Islamic Republic of Pakistan as defined, from 25 April 1988 up to and including 31 December 1991, to be operational service for the purposes of the Act.

Islamic Republic of Pakistan – The Islamic Republic of Pakistan is a sovereign country in southeast Asia. The country is bordered along the Arabian Sea and Gulf of Oman in the south. Moving north away from the Gulf of Oman, common borders with Iran to the west and Afghanistan in the north-west form Pakistan's western border. A common border with China, in the far north-east denotes Pakistan's northern extent. The northern border extends east until it meets the border with India. Pakistan's eastern extent then follows this common border with India, in a southerly direction, where upon it returns to its southern limit at the Arabian Sea.

2. 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.
- 3. The persons covered by this declaration shall have access to the entitlements and services specified in the Act and the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014.
- 4. I am satisfied that there was a significant risk of harm to those that undertook this service, as required by the Act.

HON MEKA WHAITIRI

Minister for Veterans

Dated this 27 day of November 2021