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From: s 22 1(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 12 September 2013 12:16 PM
To: s 22 1(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22 1(a)(ii) Innes-Brown, Marc
Subject: Voting on Middle East Resolutions 2001-2012 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s 22

As requested, Australia's position on Middle East resolutions in the UNGA, 2001-2012.

Regards

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Resolution Name	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
<i>Plenary</i>												
1	Jerusalem											
2	Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine											
3	Special information programme of the question of Palestine of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat											
4	The Syrian Golan											
5	Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat											
6	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People											
7	Assistance to the Palestinian People											
<i>First Committee</i>												
8	The Risk of Nuclear Proliferation in the Middle East											
9	Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East											
<i>Second Committee</i>												
10	Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab Population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources											
11	Oil slick on Lebanese Shores											
<i>Third Committee</i>												
12	The right of the Palestinian people to self-determination											
13	Global efforts for the total elimination of racism racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action											

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Green = Yes

Blue = Abstain

Red = No

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Fourth Committee												
14	Assistance to Palestinian Refugees											
15	Persons displaced as a result of the June 1967 and subsequent hostilities											
16	Operations of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East											
17	Palestinian refugees' properties and their revenues											
18	Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israel Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories											
19	Applicability of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, to the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the other occupied Arab territories											
20	Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the occupied Syrian Golan											
21	Israeli practices affecting the human rights of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem											
22	The Occupied Syrian Golan											
Fifth Committee												
23	Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon											
Other												
24		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
25	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Innes-Brown, Marc

From: Innes-Brown, Marc
Sent: Wednesday, 18 September 2013 8:31 AM
To: Rawson, Jennifer
Subject: ME Voting Sub [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Jennifer

As discussed last week, it would be useful if we could have a discussion with Paul Grigson about the ME voting sub this week. We have done additional work on the sub following our discussion last week. As you know Paul will be away for some time and it is also s 22 1(a)(ii) lastweek, so it would be good to get it into a more final shape by the end of the week.

Many thanks

Marc

Innes-Brown, Marc

From: s 22 1(a)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, 25 September 2013 3:39 PM
To: s 22 1(a)(ii)
Cc: Robinson, Jeff; s 22 1(a)(ii)
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Subject: s 22 1(a)(ii) Innes-Brown, Marc
Tasking: UNGA First Committee [SEC=CONFIDENTIAL, CAVEAT=AUSTEO]
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Dear Colleagues,

You will all have seen cable GU30455H previewing UNGA First Committee. Associated attachments covering co-sponsorship, non-contentious and contentious resolutions are below.

This email requests your assistance:

- 1) in making recommendations to the Minister on Australian positions and
- 2) on drafting statements.

MINSUBS

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The second Minsub will cover contentious and significantly changed resolutions and should be finalised around 17 October.

Would you please review GU30455H together with the attachments, realising that we have yet to see many of the resolutions. I would be grateful for your initial feedback, particularly on co-sponsorship and the non-contentious resolutions, by COB 27 September. We will then circulate a draft of the first Minsub for your comment early next week.

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I am happy to discuss any aspect of this request. If I have forgotten anyone, please feel free to forward on this email.



Thanks and regards,

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From: s 22 1(a)(ii)
Sent: Saturday, 21 September 2013 12:48 AM
To: Robinson, Jeff; s 22 1(a)(ii)
Cc: Woolcott, Peter; s 22 1(a)(ii)
Subject: Attachments to our First Committee Cable (GU30455H) [SEC=CONFIDENTIAL]

Colleagues

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Attached are the documents referred to in our GU30455H (with thanks to my predecessor, for doing the lion share of the preparation before his departure and to New York for your ongoing collaboration and assistance):

"A" : Co-sponsorship of UNGA 68 First Committee Resolutions



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"C" : Voting on contentious UNGA 68 First Committee Resolutions



These will be updated in light of developments next week, and in the lead up to the First Committee, as resolutions come to hand. Of course, should you identify any shortcomings or developments not covered in the documents, I would be grateful for your advice.

With thanks and looking forward to working with the New York team in October.

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Innes-Brown, Marc

From: s 22 1(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 26 September 2013 2:26 PM
To: Innes-Brown, Marc
Cc: s 22 1(a)(ii)
Subject: UNGA voting - comparions with other countries, and texts from other years
[SEC=CONFIDENTIAL]

Hi Marc,

As discussed.

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Robilliard, Paul

From: s 22 1(a)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, 2 October 2013 11:18 AM
To: Innes-Brown, Marc
Cc: Robilliard, Paul; King, Philippa; s 22 1(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: ME Resolution Voting Timings [SEC=CONFIDENTIAL]

Thanks Marc,

I have updated the table based on what we know currently. Note that First Committee voting starts on 30 October and Third Committee voting will be early November. Will provide further updates as we can.

Best wishes,

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From: Innes-Brown, Marc
Sent: Tuesday, 1 October 2013 2:34 AM
To: s 22 1(a)(ii)
Cc: Robilliard, Paul; King, Philippa; s 22 1(a)(ii)
Subject: ME Resolution Voting Timings [SEC=CONFIDENTIAL]

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Many thanks for all your and your colleagues' assistance in recent weeks. It has been much appreciated here.

As you may imagine, we have been giving some thought to voting on Middle East resolutions and would be grateful for an update on likely timings. The attached doc was prepared here several months ago on our understanding at the time. Grateful advice on any changes. << File: 131001 Estimated Timing for Middle East Resolutions.docx >>

Much appreciated
Marc

Estimated Timing for Middle East Resolutions – UNGA 68 (2013)

First Committee – late Oct/early November (voting between 30 Oct – 6 Nov)

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Fourth Committee – early/mid November (voting between 6-12 November)

- Operations of UNRWA
- Assistance to Palestinian refugees
- Persons displaced as a result of the June 1967 and subsequent hostilities
- Palestinian refugees' properties and their revenues
- Israeli settlements
- Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People
- Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People
- Applicability of the Geneva Conventions
- The occupied Syrian Golan

Second Committee – mid/late November

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Third Committee – mid/late-early November (voting between 4-8 November)

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Plenary – late November/early December

- Jerusalem
- Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine
- Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People
- Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat
- Special Information Program on the Question of Palestine
- The Syrian Golan

Plenary – mid December

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Fifth Committee – May/June 2014

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Other (UNESCO Votes)

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Estimated Timing for Middle East Resolutions – UNGA 68 (2013)

First Committee – late Oct/early November (voting between 30 Oct – 6 Nov)

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Third Committee – early November (voting between 4-8 November)

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Fourth Committee – early/mid November (voting between 6-12 November)

- Operations of UNRWA
- Assistance to Palestinian refugees
- Persons displaced as a result of the June 1967 and subsequent hostilities
- Palestinian refugees' properties and their revenues
- Israeli settlements
- Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People
- Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People
- Applicability of the Geneva Conventions
- The occupied Syrian Golan

Second Committee – mid/late November

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Plenary – late November/early December

- Jerusalem
- Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine
- Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

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Plenary – mid December

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Fifth Committee – May/June 2014

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Other (UNESCO Votes)

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Attachment 'B' - UNCLASSIFIED

Resolution Name	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	
<i>Plenary</i>																			
1	Jerusalem																		
2	Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine																		
	<i>Second Committee</i>																		
3	Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab Population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources																		N/A
	<i>Third Committee</i>																		
4	The right of the Palestinian people to self-determination																		
	<i>Fourth Committee</i>																		
5	Applicability of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, to the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the other occupied Arab territories																		
6	Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the occupied Syrian Golan																		
	<i>Fifth Committee</i>																		
7	Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon																		AWV

Red = No

Blue = Abstain

Green = Yes

*AWV = Adopted Without Vote
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Middle East resolutions in the UNGA 1995-2012 Australia's and like-minded countries' voting records

1. Jerusalem

This resolution states the illegality of unilateral Israeli measures to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration over Jerusalem, including through ongoing settlement activity. It also refers to UNSC resolution 478 (1980), which notes the illegality of Israel's Basic Law that affirms Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. It stresses the need for the status of Jerusalem to take into account the legitimate concerns of both the Palestinian and Israeli sides and highlights the religious rights of the inhabitants. The resolution also makes reference to the ICJ advisory opinion on Israel's security wall. The resolution was first introduced in 1949. s 33(a)(iii)

Australian Voting History, 1995-2012

2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995

Red = No

Blue = Abstain

Green = Yes

Voting of Like-Minded, 1995-2012

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995
US																		
EU																		
CA																		
NZ																		
												N/A						

Red = No

Blue = Abstain

Green = Yes

2012 Vote

In Favour (162)

Against (7): Canada, Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Palau, United States.

Abstain (6): Cameroon, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Togo, Tonga, Vanuatu.

Absent (18): Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Kiribati, Madagascar, Malawi, Myanmar, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Swaziland.

2. Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine

This resolution calls on both sides to meet their respective obligations under the Roadmap and Arab Peace Initiative. It expresses support for a two-state solution with Israel and Palestine "living side by side in peace and security within recognised borders, based on the pre-1967 borders." It notes Israel's withdrawal from Gaza, is critical of violence or terror against civilians from both sides and of Hamas' 'unlawful' takeover in Gaza. The resolution was first introduced in 1993. s 33(a)(iii)

Australian Voting History, 1995-2012

2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995
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Red = No

Blue = Abstain

Green = Yes

Voting of Like-Minded, 1995-2012

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995
US	[Redacted]																	
EU	[Redacted]																	
CA	[Redacted]																	
NZ	[Redacted]																	

Red = No

Blue = Abstain

Green = Yes

2012 Vote

In Favour (163)

Against (6): Canada, Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Palau, United States.

Abstain (5): Australia, Cameroon, Honduras, Papua New Guinea, Tonga.

Absent (19): Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Kiribati, Madagascar, Malawi, Myanmar, Nauru, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Swaziland.

3. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab Population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources.

This resolution reaffirms the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people to their natural resources and calls on Israel to comply strictly with international law with respect to altering the character of the Palestinian Territories, including East Jerusalem. It calls on Israel not to exploit or damage Palestinian resources and recognises Palestinians' right of restitution. It also calls on Israel to cease its destruction of Palestinian sewage and water infrastructure causing environmental damage. It stresses the illegality of Israel's security wall as stated in the ICJ advisory opinion. It notes Israel's withdrawal from Gaza and calls for the end of all violence (including acts of terror). The resolution was first introduced in 1996.
 s 33(a)(iii)

Australian Voting History, 1995-2012

2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995
																	N/A

Red = No

Blue = Abstain

Green = Yes

Voting of Like-Minded, 1995-2012

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995
US																		N/A
EU																		N/A
CA																		N/A
NZ																		N/A

Red = No

Blue = Abstain

Green = Yes

2012 Vote

In Favour (170)

Against (7): Canada, Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Palau, United States.

Abstain (9): Australia, Cameroon, El Salvador, Honduras, Malawi, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Vanuatu.

Absent (7): Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Kiribati, Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia, South Sudan.

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5. Applicability of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, to the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the other occupied Arab territories

This resolution recognises the application of the Fourth Geneva Convention (covering the treatment of civilians) to the Palestinian Territories, including East Jerusalem. The resolution demands that Israel, as an occupying power, comply strictly with its obligations under international humanitarian law in its dealings with the occupied Palestinian Territories. The resolution makes reference to the ICJ advisory opinion and was first introduced in 1996. s 33(a)(iii)

Australian Voting History, 1995-2012

2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995
																	N/A

Red = No

Blue = Abstain

Green = Yes

Voting of Like-Minded, 1995-2012

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995
US																		N/A
EU																		N/A
CA																		N/A
NZ																		N/A

Red = No

Blue = Abstain

Green = Yes

2012 Vote

In Favour (171)

Against (6): Canada, Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Palau, United States.

Abstain (3): Cameroon, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu.

Absent (13): Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Kiribati, Madagascar, Nauru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, South Sudan.

6. Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the occupied Syrian Golan

This resolution describes Israel's settlement activity in occupied Palestinian territory - particularly East Jerusalem - and the construction of its security wall as contrary to the Geneva Conventions and customary international law. It cites the ICJ advisory opinion. The resolution expresses grave concern at the detrimental impact of Israeli settlement activity and calls on Israel to comply with its international legal obligations. The resolution was first introduced in 1996. s 33(a)(iii)

Australian Voting History, 1995-2012

2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995

Red = No

Blue = Abstain

Green = Yes

Voting of Like-Minded, 1995-2012

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995
US																		
EU																		
CA																		
NZ																		

Red = No

Blue = Abstain

Green = Yes

2012 Vote

In Favour (169)

Against (6): Canada, Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Palau, United States.

Abstain (5): Cameroon, Honduras, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu.

Absent (13): Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Kiribati, Madagascar, Nauru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, South Sudan, Tonga.

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Resolution Name	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	
<i>Plenary</i>																			
1	s 22 1(a)(ii)																		
2																			
3																			
4	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People																		
5	s 22 1(a)(ii)	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV
	<i>First Committee</i>																		
6	s 22 1(a)(ii)																		
7		AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV	AWV
	<i>Second Committee</i>																		
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Attachment 'D' - UNCLASSIFIED

Resolution Name	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	
<i>Third Committee</i>																			
9													N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Fourth Committee</i>																			
10																			
11																			
12																			
13																			
14																			N/A

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Green = Yes

Blue = Abstain

Red = No

Attachment 'D' - UNCLASSIFIED

Resolution Name	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	
15 Israeli practices affecting the human rights of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem																			N/A
16																			

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Australia's voting positions on Middle East-related resolutions in the UN

- . Australia strongly supports resumed final status negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians, aimed at reaching a just and lasting two-state solution
 - with Israel and a Palestinian state living side by side in peace and security within internationally-recognised borders.
- . This approach is reflected in the Government's position on voting on Middle East-related resolutions in the UN.
- . Australia considers each Middle East-related resolution on a case-by-case basis, and on their merits.
- . Australia stands ready to assist in any way it can to support the efforts of Israel and the Palestinians to achieve lasting peace
 - including supporting Palestinian development as an important contribution to the Middle East Peace Process.
- . Australian assistance to the Palestinian Territories in 2012-13 was \$55.2 million, including \$20 million to the Palestinian Authority
 - focused on improving governance, rural livelihoods and the delivery of basic services to Palestinians.

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Innes-Brown, Marc

From: Innes-Brown, Marc
Sent: Tuesday, 5 November 2013 10:11 AM
To: Robilliard, Paul
Subject: FW: Voting timing [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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From: s 22 1(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 5 November 2013 10:03 AM
To: s 22 1(a)(ii)
Cc: Innes-Brown, Marc
Subject: RE: Voting timing [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s 22 1(a)(ii)

The latest advice that we received today was that Fourth Committee voting now looks like it will take place on Thursday 14 November (a few days later than we had expected). That will cover 8 of the Palestinian resolutions and
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The remaining Middle East resolutions in Plenary will come up for voting in late November or early December.

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PMC has asked me the same question today, so I'll go back to them in similar terms.

Do let me know if you need any further advice between now and Wednesday.

Best wishes,
s 22 1(a)(ii)

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Australian Mission to the United Nations
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From: s 22 1(a)(ii)

Sent: Monday, 4 November 2013 7:29 AM
To: s 22 1(a)(ii)
Cc: Innes-Brown, Marc
Subject: Voting timing [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi s 22 1(a)(ii)

Thanks for the phone call last week on Middle East issues. s 22 1(a)(ii)
You mentioned that Fourth Committee voting was likely on 10 November. To assist our planning here, would it be possible to confirm in writing the latest on likely voting dates for Middle East resolutions.

Regards

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Title: UNGA: Middle East Resolutions: Voting Instructions
MRN: CE110122H 07/11/2013 04:26:21 PM ZE10
To: UN New York
Cc:
Ministers: Foreign Minister
From: Canberra (CHCH/DFAT/SMD/MEB)
From File:
References:
Response: Routine, Requires Action

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Summary

Cable provides voting instructions for the 21 remaining Middle East resolutions at UNGA68. Post should advise, before the vote, of any substantive changes in text and voting intentions of other WEOG members.

This cable provides advice on Australia's voting position for Middle East resolutions at the United Nations General Assembly 68. Subject to no substantive changes in text and/or voting intentions of others, the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister have agreed to the following voting positions:

Plenary

1. Jerusalem. Vote : Abstain (Note this is a change).
2. Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine. Vote: Abstain.
3. Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People. Vote: No.
4. s 22 1(a)(ii)
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6. s 22 1(a)(ii)
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Second Committee

8. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources. Vote: Abstain.
9. s 22 1(a)(ii)

Third Committee

10. The right of the Palestinian people to self-determination. Vote: Yes.
11. s 22 1(a)(ii)

Fourth Committee

12. s 22 1(a)(ii)

13. Assistance to Palestine refugees. Vote: Yes.

14. Persons displaced as a result of the June 1967 and subsequent hostilities. Vote: Yes.

15. Palestine refugees' properties and their revenues. Vote: Yes.

16. Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the occupied Syrian Golan. Vote: Abstain (Note this is a change).

17. Israeli practices affecting the human rights of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. Vote: No.

18. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories. Vote: No.

19. Applicability of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, to the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the other occupied Arab territories. Vote: Abstain (Note this is a change).

20. s 22 1(a)(ii)

Fifth Committee

21. s 22 1(a)(ii)

2. s 22 1(a)(ii)

3. Post should advise, before the vote, of any substantive changes to the text and any sign of changes in the voting intentions of other WEOG members.

4. Cable prepared in consultation with PM&C.

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Summary

Following the conclusion of negotiations with the EU, the Palestinians have now finalised their 15 resolutions that will be voted on at UNGA68. There are only minimal changes from the earlier drafts. The first batch of votes are expected to take place in Fourth and Second Committee on Thursday 14 November. s 33(a)(iii)
s 33(b)

The EU and the Palestinians have concluded their negotiations on the 15 resolutions which the Palestinians traditionally run at UNGA each year. The final versions of the texts agreed between the Palestinians and the EU are attached. The drafts do not vary substantially from the drafts circulated by the Palestinians on 14 October (email s 22 1(a)(ii) of 16 October refers),

s 33(b)

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s 33(b)

7. As previously advised we anticipate that the eight Palestinian resolutions which are actioned in Fourth Committee will be voted on on Thursday 14 November, as will the Second Committee resolution on Permanent Sovereignty. The precise timing of votes for the remaining six resolutions (five in Plenary and one in Third Committee) are still to be confirmed. We will vote on all resolutions as per instructions in reftel.

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