



## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

### DECLARATION AND DETERMINATION UNDER THE AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS

I, **PETER JOHN HOLLINGWORTH**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to the Australian Service Medal Regulations contained in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 13 September 1988, ("the Regulations") on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence, **hereby:**

- (a) **revoke** the Declaration and Determination made on 26 September 2001 under regulation 3 and subregulation 4(2) of the Regulations;
- (b) **declare** under regulation 3 of the Regulations that the following non-warlike operations in which members of the Australian Defence Force were engaged in during the following periods to be a *declared operation* for the purpose of the Regulations:
  - (i) with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation during the period that commenced on 14 February 1975 to present;
  - (ii) with the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force during the period that commenced on 14 February 1975 to present;
  - (iii) with the Second United Nations Emergency Force during the period that commenced on 14 February 1975 to 31 July 1979;
  - (iv) with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon during the period that commenced on 1 March 1978 to present; or
  - (v) participation in naval operations in the North West Indian Ocean deployments in the area north of 10 degrees north and west 75 degrees east, that is, the Arabian Sea including the Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman and Persian Gulf during the period that commenced 1 September 1980 and ended on 31 July 1986; and

- (c) **determine**, under subregulation 4(2) of the Regulations, that the conditions for award of the Australian Service Medal with Clasp ‘MIDDLE EAST’ (“the Medal”) for the *declared operation* are:
- (i) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member while posted to or serving as a member of the Australian element of the *declared operation* for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days;
  - (ii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in aggregate to 30 days, as part of the contribution of a foreign Defence Force to the *declared operation* while on secondment or exchange with the foreign Defence Force;
  - (iii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member and who completed 30 operational sorties within the duration of the *declared operation*, where those sorties were conducted over a period of not less than an aggregate of 30 days at a rate of one sortie per day;
  - (iv) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days, for official visits, inspections or other occurrences of a temporary nature with the military contribution in the *declared operation*;
  - (v) the Medal may be awarded to a person who rendered service as part of the Australian element of the *declared operation* for a period of 30 days or more, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days or more, and who, in accordance with a determination made by the Minister under paragraph 4(1)(b) of the Regulations, is in a class of persons who may be awarded the Medal; or

- (vi) the qualifying period of service as described in subparagraphs (c)(i), (c)(ii), (c)(iii), or (c)(v) of this Instrument may be deemed by the Chief of the Defence Force or delegate to have been established notwithstanding that the member has not met the qualifying periods described if service in relation to the *declared operation* was terminated due to the death, evacuation due to illness or injury or other disability due to service.

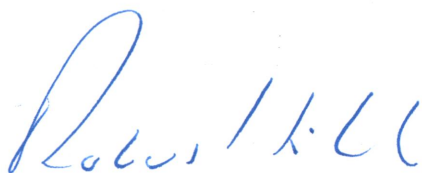
Dated

31. 10. 2002

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Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Robert Hill", written in a cursive style.

ROBERT HILL  
Minister for Defence