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It is notified for general information that the Governor-General has approved certain conditions for the award of the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal with Clasps 'SOMALIA', 'SOUTH VIETNAM', 'GREAT LAKES' and 'CAMBODIA', as detailed in the following Declarations:

#### Commonwealth of Australia

Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations

- I, WILLIAM PATRICK DEANE, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting on the recommendation of the Parliamentary Secretary to Cabinet and under subregulation 3(1) of the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal* Regulations, declare the following operations:
- (a) Somalia;
- (b) South Vietnam;
- (c) The Great Lakes Region of Africa (Rwanda and areas in adjoining countries); and
- (d) Cambodia

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Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

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Parliamentary Secretary to Cabinet

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# **Humanitarian Overseas Service** Medal (Somalia) Declaration 1999¹

made under the

Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations

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#### 1 Name of declaration

This declaration is the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (Somalia) Declaration 1999.

#### 2 Definitions

#### (1) In this declaration:

declared operation means the operation declared under section 3.

Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations means the Regulations set out in Schedule 1 to the Letters Patent dated 16 April 1999 given under the Great Seal of Australia, being the Regulations as amended from time to time.

**Regulations** means the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations.

specified hazardous area means the hazardous area specified in section 5.

specified organisation means an organisation specified in Schedule 1.

(2) Unless the contrary intention appears, a word that is used in this declaration and in the Regulations has the same meaning in this declaration as it has in the Regulations.

#### 3 Declaration

The humanitarian aid operation arising out of the civil war in Somalia in 1992, being an operation that satisfies the conditions mentioned in paragraphs 3 (1) (a) and (b) of the Regulations, is a declared operation.

# 4 Name of operation

For the purposes of the Regulations, the name by which the declared operation is to be known is 'Somalia'.

#### 5 Geographical extent of hazardous area

The geographical extent of the hazardous area of the declared operation is Somalia.

#### 6 Period when declared operation occurred

The period within which the declared operation occurred is 1 March 1992 to 1 January 1996 (inclusive).

### 7 Eligible service with specified organisations

The organisations service with which is eligible service are the organisations specified in Schedule 1.

## 8 Period of participation by specified organisations

The period within which each specified organisation participated in the declared operation is as specified in Schedule 1 in relation to the organisation.

### 9 Qualifying period of service

- (1) The qualifying period of humanitarian service required to be given by a member of a specified organisation to be eligible for an award of the Medal is 30 days.
- (2) The qualifying period of humanitarian service may be aggregated from several periods of service with 1 or more of the specified organisations.
- (3) If a person gave humanitarian service as a member of 2 or more specified organisations, and a day of the service could be counted as a day of humanitarian service for more than 1 organisation, the day must be counted as 1 day of humanitarian service.

# 10 When inspection visits count as humanitarian service

- (1) A person's inspection visit is counted as humanitarian service if the person made the visit:
  - (a) as a member of a specified organisation; and
  - (b) within the period specified in Schedule 1 in relation to the specified organisation.
- (2) If the person made the inspection visit as a member of 2 or more specified organisations, and a day of the visit could be counted as a day of humanitarian service for more than 1 of the organisations, the day must be counted as 1 day of humanitarian service.

# 11 Ineligibility for an award of the Medal

A person is not eligible for an award of the Medal if:

- (a) the person's qualifying service is qualifying service for any of the following awards:
  - (i) an award of the Somalia clasp of the Australian Active Service Medal because of a determination under subregulation 4 (2) of the Australian Active Service Medal Regulations;
  - (ii) an award of the Somalia clasp of the Australian Service Medal because of a determination under subregulation 4 (2) of the Australian Service Medal Regulations;
  - (iii) an award of the Somalia clasp of the Police Overseas Service Medal because of a determination under subregulation 4 (2) of the Police Overseas Service Medal Regulations; or
- (b) the person (whether in the specified hazardous area as a refugee or resident) is a locally-engaged member of the staff of a specified organisation; or
- (c) the person is, or is an employee of, a commercial contractor to a specified organisation.

# Schedule 1 Specified organisations

(sections 2, 7 and 8)

Item	Organisation	Period or commencement date of participation		
1	Adventist Development and Relief Agency	1 January 1993 to 1 January 1996 (inclusive)		
2	Australian contingent to United Nations organisations serving in the specified hazardous area in relation to the declared operation	1 March 1992 to 1 January 1996 (inclusive)		
3	Australian Red Cross	17 September 1992 to 1 January 1996 (inclusive)		
4	CARE Australia	15 August 1992 to 14 April 1994 (inclusive)		
5	UNICEF	1 March 1992 to 21 January 1994 (inclusive)		
6	World Vision Australia	26 November 1994 to 1 January 1996 (inclusive)		

#### Note

1. Made by the Governor-General on

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