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Thank you for your email of 29 September 2025, in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"Please provide copies of all 2025 communications to MFAT and the minister of Foreign Affairs from the United States, including the US embassy in Wellington, regarding New Zealand's consideration of recognising a Palestinian state."

On 28 October 2025, the timeframes for responding to your request were extended by an additional 10 working days due to the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request (section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA refers).

Your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist.

For your reference, key advice and correspondence regarding the recognition of a Palestinian State will be proactively released by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) no later than 26 November 2025, and will be published on the Ministry website: <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/countries-and-regions/middle-east/israel-hamas-conflict>

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website:

www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade