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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):

- "1. Any briefings, reports, or communications held by MFAT relating to the humanitarian flotilla currently sailing towards Gaza.*
- 2. Any communications with foreign governments or international organisations about this flotilla.*
- 3. The Government of New Zealand's current policy position regarding the flotilla and whether assistance or support will be offered to those onboard."*

On 30 September 2025 the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) contacted you to discuss the scope of part one of your request because it captured a significant volume of information.

To date we have not received a response. Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. In response to part two of your request, this information is withheld under section 6(b)(i) of the OIA, to protect the passing of information from another government on a confidential basis.

Regarding part 3 of your request, this information is publicly available on the Israel-Hamas conflict page of the Ministry's website at the link below (refer to the 'New Zealanders in Gaza' heading in the Frequently Asked Questions section). Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade