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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 8 May 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) copies of all:

A. Terms of reference, policy mandate, or similar.

B. Periodic, annual and final reports from New Zealand Defence Forces or representees.

During the past five years for the following;

Multinational Force in the Sinai.

UNTSO in Syria and Lebanon

2024 deployment to the Red Sea

Combined Multinational Forces in Bahrain

Liaison with Board of Peace

Your request for terms of reference, policy mandates or similar is declined under section 18(d) because that information is publically available on the Ministry of Defence website¹.

¹ <https://defence.govt.nz/publications/maritime-security-commitments-in-the-middle-east/>
<https://www.defence.govt.nz/publications/medical-support-to-multinational-force-and-observers-mission/>
<https://www.defence.govt.nz/publications/publications/new-zealand-defence-force-operational-commitment-to-the-global-coalition-to-defeat-the-islamic-state-of-iraq-and-syria-isis/>
<https://defence.govt.nz/publications/new-zealands-maritime-security-commitments-in-the-middle-east/>
<https://www.defence.govt.nz/assets/publications/2023-nzdf-response-to-israel-gaza-conflict/>
<https://www.defence.govt.nz/publications/multinational-force-and-observers--request-for-inteirm-force-commander-in-the-sinai-peninsula-egypt/>
<https://www.defence.govt.nz/publications/proposed-new-zealand-defence-force-contribution-to-military-action-against-houthi-targets/>
<https://www.defence.govt.nz/publications/strategic-assessment-of-future-peace-support-options-for-the-new-zealand-defence-force/>
<https://defence.govt.nz/publications/future-mandate-options-for-the-new-zealand-defence-forces-deployment-to-the-united-nations-truce-supervision-organisation/>
<https://www.defence.govt.nz/publications/mandate-review-of-the-new-zealand-defence-force-contribution-to-military-action-against-houthi-targets/>
<https://defence.govt.nz/publications/mandate-renewal-for-new-zealands-longstanding-maritime-security-commitments-in-the-middle-east/>

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) does not have a Liaison Officer to the Board of Peace. However, it maintains a Liaison Officer to the Civil-Military Coordination Centre, and links to that material is included.

With respect to the second part of your request, a substantial allocation of resources and effort would be required to collate and prepare each of the relevant reports you have requested. This would impair the efficient administration of the New Zealand Defence Force in accordance with section 16(2)(a) of the OIA. If you were to refine the scope of this part of your request it will be considered accordingly.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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<https://www.defence.govt.nz/publications/update-on-the-nzdf-s-maritime-security-commitments-in-the-middle-east/>

<https://www.defence.govt.nz/publications/nzdf-nzdf-liason-officer-to-the-civil-military-coordination-centre-extension/>

<https://defence.govt.nz/publications/nzdf-liason-officer-to-the-civilian-military-coordination-centre/>