

**DECLARATIONS OF OPERATIONAL SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE
VETERANS' SUPPORT ACT 2014**

In accordance with section 9 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014 ("the Act"), I hereby give the following notice.

Notice

1. I declare service:

- in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan as defined, from 25 April 1988 up to and including 31 December 1991, and from 1 December 2001 up to and including 30 September 2021, to be operational service for the purposes of the Act.

Islamic Republic of Afghanistan – The geographic area of Afghanistan includes all of the sovereign territory as defined by the boundaries with neighbouring states through currently recognised agreements. These include recognised boundary arrangements accepted at independence on 19 August 1919 with neighbouring Iran and Pakistan, as well as 1963 and 1965 agreements with China. The boundaries with neighbouring Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan are defined through recognised pre-independence agreements, the 1946 Afghan-Soviet Treaty and any subsequent agreements.

2. I declare that the declarations for service in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan will supersede the previous declarations for service:

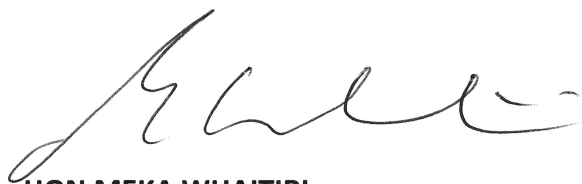
- with United Nations Mine Clearing Training Team from 1 January 1991 to 31 December 1991; and
- in Afghanistan from 1 December 2001 to the present.

3. The declarations cover:

- members of the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) serving with the NZDF;
- members of the NZDF on secondment with the armed forces of other nations; and
- any person seconded to the NZDF with the permission of the Chief of Defence Force.

4. The persons covered by the declarations shall have access to the entitlements and services specified in the Act and the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014.

5. I am satisfied that there was a significant risk of harm to those that undertook the specified service, as required by the Act.



HON MEKA WHAITIRI
Minister for Veterans

Dated this 23 day of November 2021