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AUSTRALIA'S UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTE ON

26 FEBRUARY 2010.

The President of the ECAJ, Robert M Goot AM SC today issued the following statement:

“On February 26, Australia abstained in the vote at the UN General Assembly on a resolution (Follow-up to the report of the United Nations Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict), calling on Israel and “the Palestinian side” to conduct credible and independent investigations into the Gaza conflict in 2008-9. Australia had voted against a related resolution last November endorsing the Goldstone Report, because of specific reservations about the text and the flawed nature of the Goldstone Report”, Mr Goot noted.

“We welcome Ambassador Quinlan’s statement to the General Assembly that ‘Australia’s [changed] vote did not change its concerns about the Goldstone Report, nor its preference for allowing the parties sufficient time to study the investigations’, into the Gaza conflict”, Mr Goot concluded.

“The ECAJ understands that the Australian Government’s decision to abstain appears to have been made some time before the Dubai passport issue emerged and is a reflection on the specific wording of the text of the Resolution.

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