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FADT Committee
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STATEMENT BY THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Australia supports a peaceful solution to the dispute between Israel and the Palestinian people, which recognises the right of Israel to exist peacefully within secure borders and also recognises the aspiration to statehood of the Palestinian people.

The description of areas which are the subject of negotiations in the course of the peace process by reference to historical events is unhelpful.

The description of East Jerusalem as “Occupied East Jerusalem” is a term freighted with pejorative implications, which is neither appropriate nor useful.

It should not and will not be the practice of the Australian Government to describe areas of negotiations in such judgmental language.