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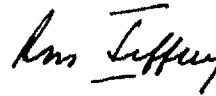
DECLARATION AND DETERMINATION UNDER THE AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS

I, **PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to the Australian Service Medal Regulations contained in the Schedule to Letters Patent dated 13 September 1988, ("the Regulations") on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence, **hereby:**

- (a) **revoke** the Declaration and Determination made on 4 February 1998 under regulation 3 and subregulation 4(2) respectively of the Regulations;
- (b) **declare**, under regulation 3 of the Regulations, the activities of the Truce and Peace Monitoring Groups in Bougainville that commenced on 20 November 1997 and ended 26 August 2003 to be a prescribed operation for the purposes of the Regulations; and
- (c) **determine**, under Subregulation 4(2) of the Regulations, that the conditions for award of the Australian Service Medal with Clasp 'BOUGAINVILLE' for that prescribed operation are:
 - (i) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member while posted to or serving as a member of the Australian element of the prescribed operation for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days;
 - (ii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days, as part of the contribution of a foreign Defence Force to the prescribed operation while on secondment or exchange with the foreign Defence Force;
 - (iii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days, for official visits, inspections or other occurrences of a temporary nature while assigned for duty with the military contribution in the prescribed operation;

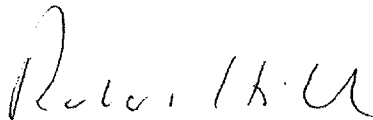
- (iv) the Medal may be awarded to a person who rendered service as part of the Australian element of the *prescribed operation* for a period of 30 days or more, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days or more, and who, in accordance with a determination made by the Minister under paragraph 4(4)(b) of the Regulations, is in a class of persons who may be awarded the Medal; or
- (v) the qualifying period of service as described in subparagraphs (c)(i), (c)(ii) c(iii) or c(iv) of this Instrument may be deemed by the Chief of the Defence Force or delegate to have been established notwithstanding that the member has not met the qualifying periods described if service in relation to the *prescribed operation* was terminated due to the death, evacuation due to illness or injury or other disability due to service.

Dated 21 January 2004



Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command



ROBERT HILL
Minister for Defence