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Evening Sir,

For your SA. The attached CDF letter was signed and sent to CCMF this evening, which formalises the AUS response to the request for support for Op PROSPERITY GUARDIAN.

CDF Orders to follow IDC, and initial POC for negotiations with CMF is with CJOPS (J3).

Aye

Don

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CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCE



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Dear Vice Admiral Cooper,

Brad

On behalf of the Australian Defence Force (ADF), thank you for your letter of 28 November 2023 requesting support for the emerging Combined Maritime Forces' Operation PROSPERITY GUARDIAN. Australia shares a common interest in protecting the free flow of commerce and the safety of navigation in the Red Sea and western Gulf of Aden (GoA).

The ADF has been a proud contributor of maritime security in the Middle East Region since 1990 and has five personnel deployed currently in CMF headquarters. As you are aware, we have previously agreed to deploy a further five staff officers to support the Canadian Combined Task Force 150 rotation in early 2024.

I am pleased to offer an additional six ADF personnel to Combined Maritime Forces to support Operation PROSPERITY GUARDIAN from early in the New Year.

Australia stands with the coalition to deter malign actors in the Red Sea, Western GoA and approaches to Bab-al-Mandeb and ensure freedom of navigation under international law.

My point of contact for this additional support is the Director General Operations and Plans, Headquarters Joint Operations Command, Air Commodore John Haly. Air Commodore Haly can be contacted by telephone at ^{s47E(d)} or by email at ^{s47E(d)}.

I seek your assistance in addressing future strategic initiatives and activities at the Government to Government or Chief of Defence level. In this capacity, my initial staff point of contact is my Head of Military Strategic Commitments, currently Air Vice-Marshal Stephen Chappell on email ^{s47E(d)}.

Yours sincerely

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