



18 February 2016

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Dear Pastor Woodley

Petition 2014/29 of Pastor Nigel A Woodley

Further to your recent letter of 3 February 2016. This letter was considered by the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee at its meeting today.

Your submission was not released by any member of the committee.

Attached for your information is a copy of the committee's report to the House of Representatives in relation to your petition.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Mitchell', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mark Mitchell
Chairperson
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee



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Report of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee

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Recommendation

The Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee has considered Petition 2014/29 of Pastor Nigel A Woodley, and recommends that the House take note of its report.

The petitioner's request

The Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee has considered Petition 2014/29 of Pastor Nigel A Woodley requesting

That the House note that 11,685 people have signed a petition urging the New Zealand Government to cease from pressuring the State of Israel to give up its rightful and God-given land and support Israel's right to have sovereignty over the entire land of Israel, including Judea and Samaria (West Bank) and all of Jerusalem.

Our response to the petitioner's request

We disagree with the petitioner's request of the New Zealand Government. New Zealand is obliged under international law to observe the boundaries as agreed by numerous United Nations resolutions.

Since joining the United Nations Security Council, New Zealand has been working with council members to come up with constructive proposals concerning the Middle East Peace Process. Consecutive New Zealand governments have supported a two-State solution in the region as a means of resolving the current impasse.

Appendix

Committee procedure

Petition 2014/29 of Pastor Nigel A Woodley was referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee on 21 October 2015. The committee received a written submission from Pastor Nigel A Woodley.

Committee members

Mark Mitchell (Chairperson)

David Bennett

Dr Kennedy Graham

Dr Shane Reti

Jami-Lee Ross

David Shearer

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Dr Megan Woods

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