I, WILLIAM GEORGE HAYDEN, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, on the recommendation of the Minister of State for Defence Science and Personnel, hereby:

(a) under regulation 3 of the Australian Service Medal Regulations set out in the Schedule to Letters Patent dated 13 September 1988, declare the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observers Group activity on the Iran-Iraq border that commenced on 12 August 1988 to be a prescribed operation for the purposes of those Regulations; and

(b) under subregulation 4(2) of those Regulations, determine that the conditions for the award of the Australian Service Medal in respect of that prescribed operation are:

(i) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered military service as such a member while posted to or serving with the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observers Group on the Iran-Iraq Border for a period commencing on or after 12 August 1988 and being a period of not less than 90 days;

(ii) the qualifying period of service as described in subparagraph (b)(i) may be deemed by the Chief of the Defence Force or his delegate to have been established notwithstanding that the member has been posted to or has served with the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observers Group for a period of less than 90 days commencing on or after 12 August 1988;

(iii) the Medal shall be awarded to members qualifying under subparagraphs (b)(i) or (b)(ii) with the clasp "Iran-Iraq"; and

(iv) the Chief of the Defence Force in exercising his discretion to deem under subparagraph (b)(ii) above shall take into account whether the member's service with the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observers Group:
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(a) was terminated owing to death, evacuation owing to illness or injury or other disability due to service; or

(b) was terminated due to Government or Defence Force reasons.

Dated 30 June 1989

Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

Minister of State for Defence Science and Personnel