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That's great news. Please find attached updates we have received today. The Q&As attached are new – points that A/S Durakoglu wants to make sure S has. Below are updated AmCit figures, which are in the U.S. Citizen Assistance Q&A section.

The only other update I am tracking is an ECA Q&A, Exchanges: What exchanges are being conducted with Ukraine? (I believe this is a new Q&A)

Israel and Gaza (as of 10/30/23 at 12:30 PM)

- Active Cases – U.S. citizens and family

- Israel: 25,900

- West Bank: 800

- Gaza: 1,200

- Departed via all means-

- Israel: 13,200

- West Bank: 210

- Gaza:2*

- Departed via USG charter -

- Israel: 1,500

- West Bank: 11

- Gaza: 0

- U.S. citizen deaths: 36

- U.S. national hostages: 10

- *Released U.S citizen hostages: 2

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Thanks again. Looks like we're still on for prep session, btw.

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Additional items were all included in the books we just dropped off.



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Thanks, (b)(6) Could you please ensure the additional material you sent over the weekend is included in these books? I'm attaching here. Please also include the BCL for Murray with attachments. The latest version is in Cascades. Thank you!

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Will plan for these accordingly.



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Could you please bring us 3 more books for Senior S staff, please? Need by 1 pm please. Thanks!

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Dear S Specials,

Please find links to the hearing prep materials below:

- Cover sheet/TOC: [0 - Table of Contents .docx](#)
- Scenario: [Scenario - S SAC hearing Oct 31 2023 - for HFO Clearance.docx](#)
- Facebook: [2023Oct - Facebook S SAC Nat. Sec. Supplemental Hearing \(1\).docx](#)
- Seating Chart: [2023Oct SAC Hearing on Nat. Security Supplemental - Seating with Photos.docx](#)
- Q&As:
 - [Humanitarian Assistance to Gaza.docx](#)
 - [Iran.docx](#)

- ☒ [Israel-Hamas Conflict.docx](#)
- ☒ [October National Security Supplemental Request.docx](#)
- ☒ [PRC .docx](#)
- ☒ [Ukraine.docx](#)
- ☒ [US Citizen Assistance.docx](#)

Best,

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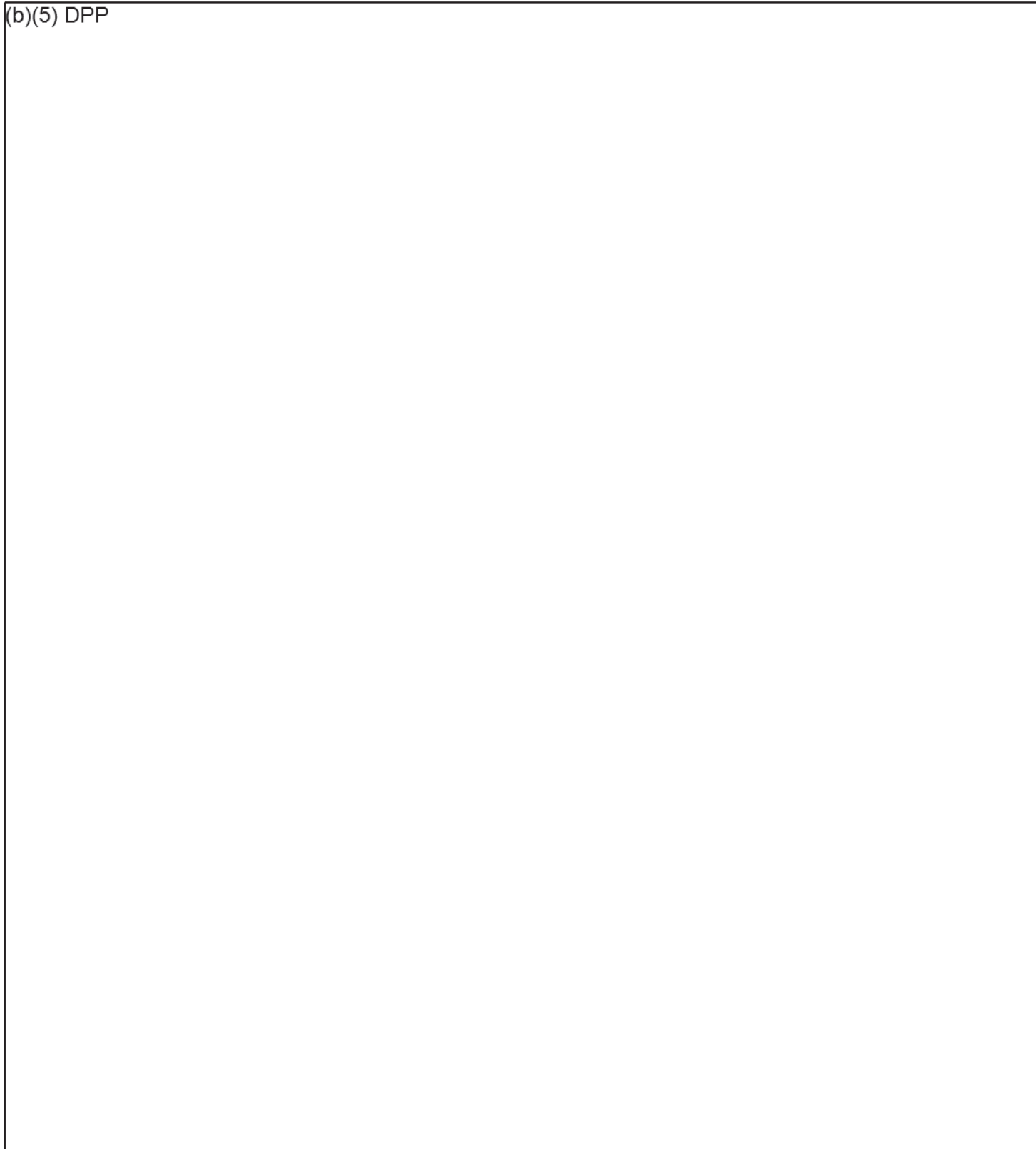
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Q&A – Foreign Assistance Funding in Gaza

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Background: Since resuming assistance in 2021, the United States has provided more than \$1.6 billion in humanitarian, development, and economic assistance to the Palestinian people including in the West Bank, Gaza, and the immediate region. This total includes more than \$1 billion through UNRWA in the region. With FY 2022 funds, we provided \$219 million in development and economic assistance in the West Bank and Gaza.

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UN Appeal Updates

as of 11/27/2023

UN Appeal Pledge Summary, based upon available info as of 11/27/2023

Total approx. amount pledged **\$629,303,502**
 Numbers of partners who have pledged **42**

Pledges by Region	New Goal: \$1.2 Billion (revised on 11/3/23 by OCHA)	
AF	\$0	<i>How we sourced this information:</i> We captured the amounts below by recording public announcements made by governments, using demarche response information, and reviewing UN OCHA's Financial Tracking Service (FTS).
EAP	\$87,520,599	
EUR	\$376,726,700	
NEA	\$54,912,851	
SCA	\$2,500,000	
WHA	\$7,643,352	
U.S. Contribution	\$100,000,000	
Grand Total	\$629,303,502	

UN OCHA Financial Tracking Service (FTS) Total Funded (excluding U.S. and NGO contributions)
\$198,471,926

Country Data	Pledges	FTS
Australia	\$6,426,735	\$21,496,598
Belgium	\$3,221,045	\$723,365
Bulgaria	\$109,334	\$0
Canada	\$7,358,352	\$0
Chile	\$200,000	\$0
China	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Colombia	\$85,000	\$85,000
Croatia	\$265,957	\$0
Cyprus	\$531,915	\$0
Denmark	\$7,127,584	\$5,519,818
EU & European Commission	\$93,542,137	\$23,579,182
Estonia	\$106,383	\$0
France	\$10,638,298	\$42,717,445
Germany	\$114,000,000	\$24,914,991
Iceland	\$1,740,000	\$0
Ireland	\$13,815,090	\$3,188,098
Italy	\$0	\$0
Japan	\$75,000,000	\$7,000,000
Jordan	\$4,300,000	\$0
Kazakstan	\$1,000,000	\$1,010,000
Kuwait	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Latvia	\$131,200	\$0
Lithuania	\$273,336	\$31,881
Luxembourg	\$2,446,809	\$583,245
Malaysia	\$2,000,000	\$0
Malta	\$79,533	\$106,044
Monaco	\$50,000	\$0
Montenegro	\$40,000	\$40,000
Netherlands	\$10,626,993	\$0
New Zealand	\$3,013,864	\$2,974,930
Norway	\$6,466,513	\$2,718,940
Poland	\$238,607	\$0
ROK	\$0	\$0
Romania	\$0	\$0
Saudi Arabia	\$15,000,000	\$0
Slovenia	\$531,915	\$479,238
Spain	\$42,000,000	\$0
Sweden	\$13,797,073	\$10,178,258
Switzerland	\$4,000,000	\$13,927,519
Thailand	\$80,000	\$80,000
Turkiye	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
UAE	\$33,612,851	\$1,974,604
UK	\$49,946,979	\$29,642,770
Uzbekistan	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

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Total Humanitarian Assistance (HA) to Palestinians Under the Biden Administration

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(U) Since October 7, the United States has pledged \$100 million in HA and disbursed nearly \$88 million for Gaza and the West Bank.

Breakdown of U.S. HA for Gaza and the West Bank since October 7, 2023

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
USAID/BHA			
WFP	Food Assistance	West Bank and Gaza	\$11,000,000
WFP	Logistics Support	West Bank and Gaza	\$8,000,000
Local Partner	Multi-purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) and Program Support	West Bank and Gaza	\$2,953,919
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING			\$21,953,919
State/PRM			
UNRWA*	Food Assistance, Health, WASH, NFIs, Protection	West Bank and Gaza	\$51,000,000
ICRC	Protection, Health, NFIs, MPCA	Israel, West Bank, and Gaza	\$15,000,000
TOTAL State/PRM FUNDING			\$66,000,000
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE LEVANT RESPONSE IN FY 2024			\$87,953,919

*In addition, State/PRM provided nearly \$231 million in flexible funding in FY 2023 for UNRWA’s calendar year 2023 appeals, portions of which may be used in the West Bank and Gaza.

~~(SBU)~~ **USG Humanitarian Assistance Pipeline – What is Next**

~~(SBU)~~ In the region, UNHCR is pre-positioning flexible, humanitarian stock that could be drawn upon quickly to assist UN agencies as they respond to populations displaced by the conflict, including relief items (e.g., blankets, hygiene kits), water, emergency shelter, and health supplies. In Lebanon, UNICEF has re-allocated existing funds to procure and pre-position consumable medical supplies and health and nutrition commodities to support 100,000 individuals in the event of further escalation of conflict in the south.

~~(SBU)~~ On November 28, the United States began airlifting 70 metric tons, more than 150,000 pounds, of humanitarian supplies to provide vitally needed medical supplies, warm clothing, and food and nutrition assistance to the people of Gaza. The supplies began arriving November 28 in Egypt via a C-17 aircraft to then be distributed by USG humanitarian partners, including WFP, UNICEF, and UNRWA. This is the first DoD flight for the response and is in addition to multiple flights of food aid delivered by USAID in previous weeks. More flights will be arriving in the coming days.

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H team,

This factsheet is ready for the Israel tab in the book. Thank you!

All the best,

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~~(SBU)~~ Background for the Secretary's Meeting with Norwegian FM Barth Eide

~~(SBU)~~ **Bilateral Relations:** On October 16, PM Støre named Barth Eide foreign minister as part of a cabinet reshuffle. The reshuffle does not signal any significant shift in Norway's foreign policy. The American Presence Post in Tromsø hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony October 27 at which U/S Allen and MFA State Secretary Vad Petersson gave remarks. The post hosts one American officer. This is our only post above the Arctic Circle and will provide a platform for our Arctic engagement.

~~(SBU)~~ **Israel-Hamas:** On October 31, Barth Eide noted Israel's right to self-defense but claimed Israel may have broken international humanitarian law by deploying a disproportionate response and not sufficiently distinguishing between combatants and civilians. Polling shows most Norwegians think Israel is using excessive force in its response. Norway has not designated Hamas a terrorist organization. Støre is positioning Norway as an honest broker to play a constructive role post conflict. Norway pledged \$6.3 million to support civilians in Gaza and an additional \$5.4 million to UNRWA at the Cairo Peace Summit. These contributions are in addition to the \$27.1 million that Norway pledged to UNRWA in 2023. Norway has been a proponent of support to UNRWA and to the Palestinian Authority through the World Bank and has called on the international community to increase its financial support. Norway has called on European partners to restart their contributions to the Palestinians after they froze support following Hamas's October 7 attack.

~~(SBU)~~ **Ukraine/Supplemental Funding:** Norway has provided over \$2.3 billion in military and civilian aid to Ukraine since February 2022, including air defense and other weapons, and has welcomed 43,000 refugees from Ukraine. In February, Norway committed \$7.5 billion of assistance over five years through "the Nansen Support Program," named for Nobel Peace Prize laureate Fridtjof Nansen in recognition of his humanitarian efforts in Russia and Ukraine in the 1920s. Norway committed to donating F-16s and will join other Allies to help train Ukrainian

pilots. Norway and the UK will co-lead the Maritime Capability Coalition within the Ukraine Defense Contact Group (UDCG) and announced this decision at the November 22 UDCG.

~~(SBU)~~ **Vision for Adapted Crops and Soils (VACS):** Special Envoy for Global Food Security Cary Fowler has had productive discussions with Development Minister Tvinnereim (b)(5) DPP

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~~(SBU)~~ **Arctic Council:** During Russia's chairmanship of the Arctic Council (2021-23), the seven other Arctic states suspended cooperation with Russia after its full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Norway took over as chair in May and, pledging to preside over a functional Council, proposed increasing cooperation with Russia. On August 29, the Arctic States reached consensus to resume engagement at the Working Group and Senior Arctic Official (SAO) levels via a correspondence model (i.e., through email exchanges), allowing the Working Groups to close out projects, start new ones, and enable the SAOs to make decisions on items like the budget. Oslo is now eager to move to virtual Working Group meetings and is anxious after Russia's September withdrawal from the Barents Euro-Arctic Council.

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~~(SBU)~~ **Critical Minerals Agreement (CMA):** (b)(5) DPP

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