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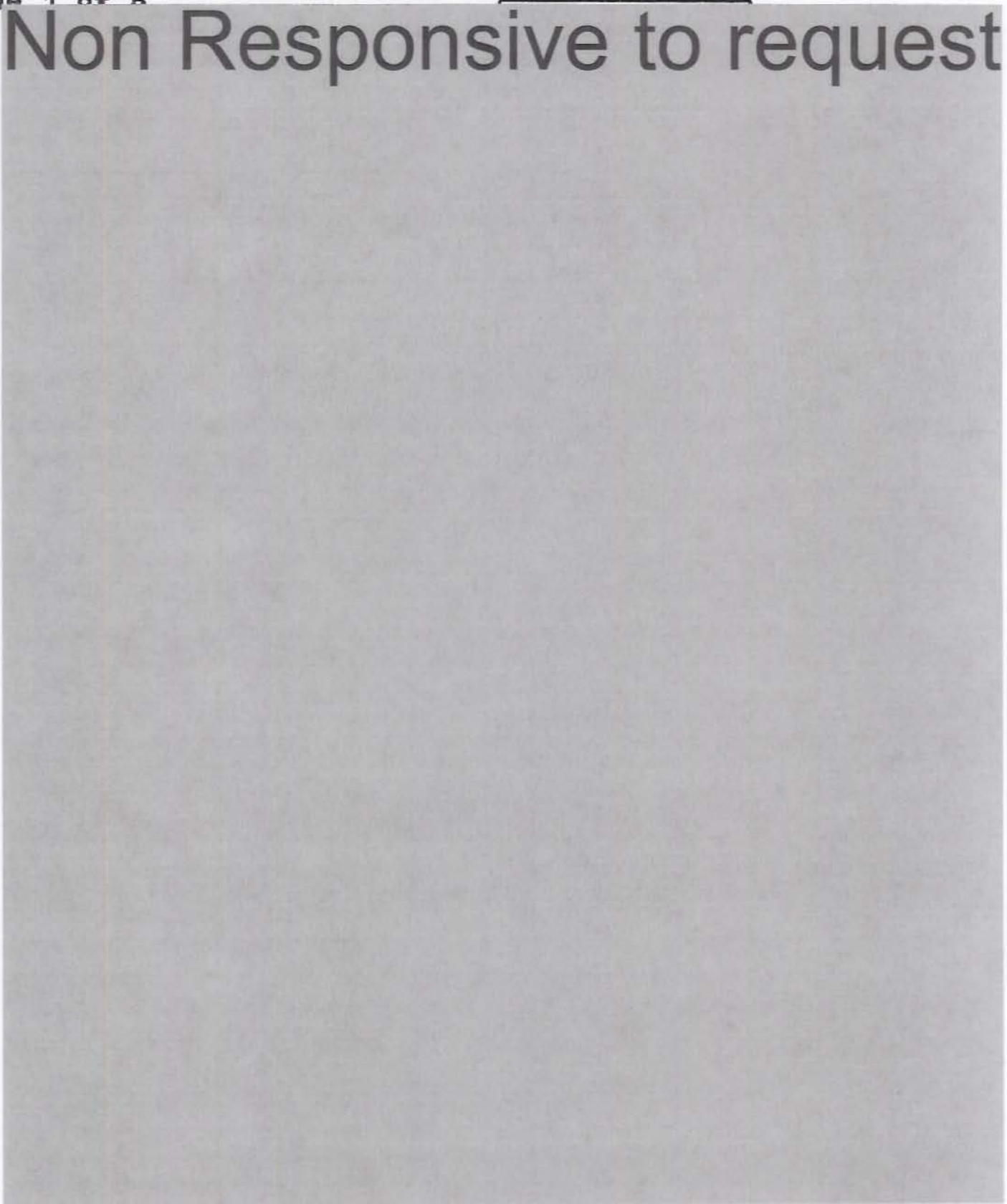
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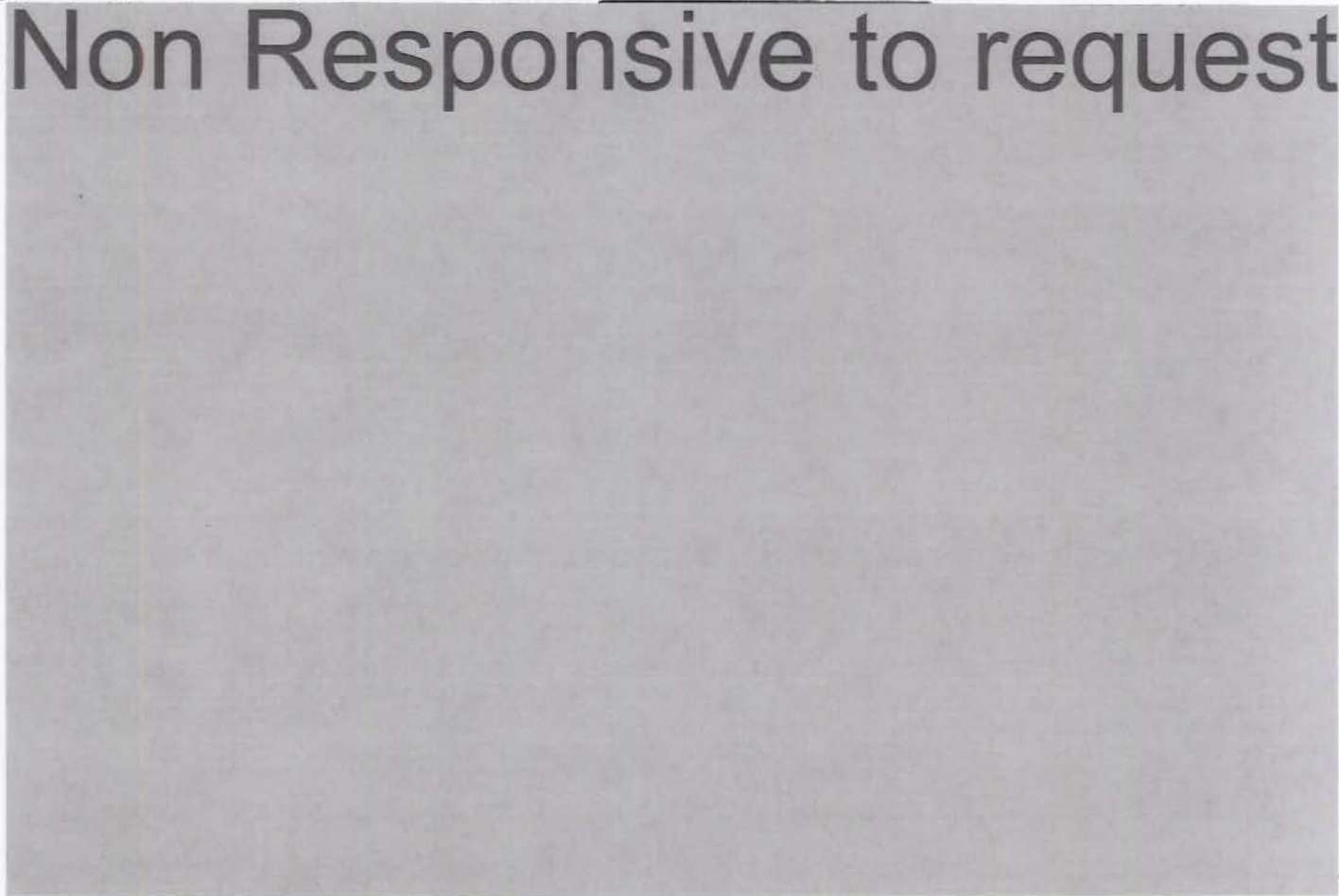
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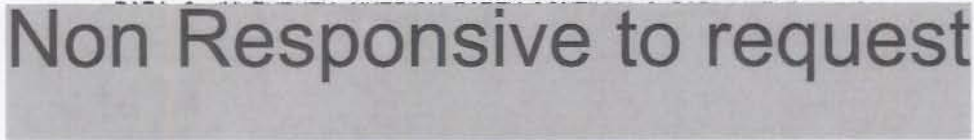
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2. (U) ISRAEL/TURKEY: UN PALMER REPORT RELEASED (C)

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ON 2 SEPTEMBER, THE UN PALMER COMMISSION PUBLISHED THE RESULTS OF ITS INVESTIGATION INTO ISRAEL'S MAY 2010 INTERDICTION OF THE GAZA FLOTILLA AND THE TURKISH-FLAGGED M/V MAVI MARMARA. THE FINDINGS CONCLUDE ISRAEL'S NAVAL BLOCKADE OF THE GAZA STRIP WAS LEGAL, BUT ISRAELI COMMANDOS USED "EXCESSIVE AND UNREASONABLE" FORCE. ISRAEL NOTIFIED THE UN THAT IT HAD NO INTENTION OF APOLOGIZING TO TURKEY REGARDING ITS ACTIONS DURING THE INCIDENT. (b) (1) (B), EO 13526 10 USC § 130(b) & (b) (6)

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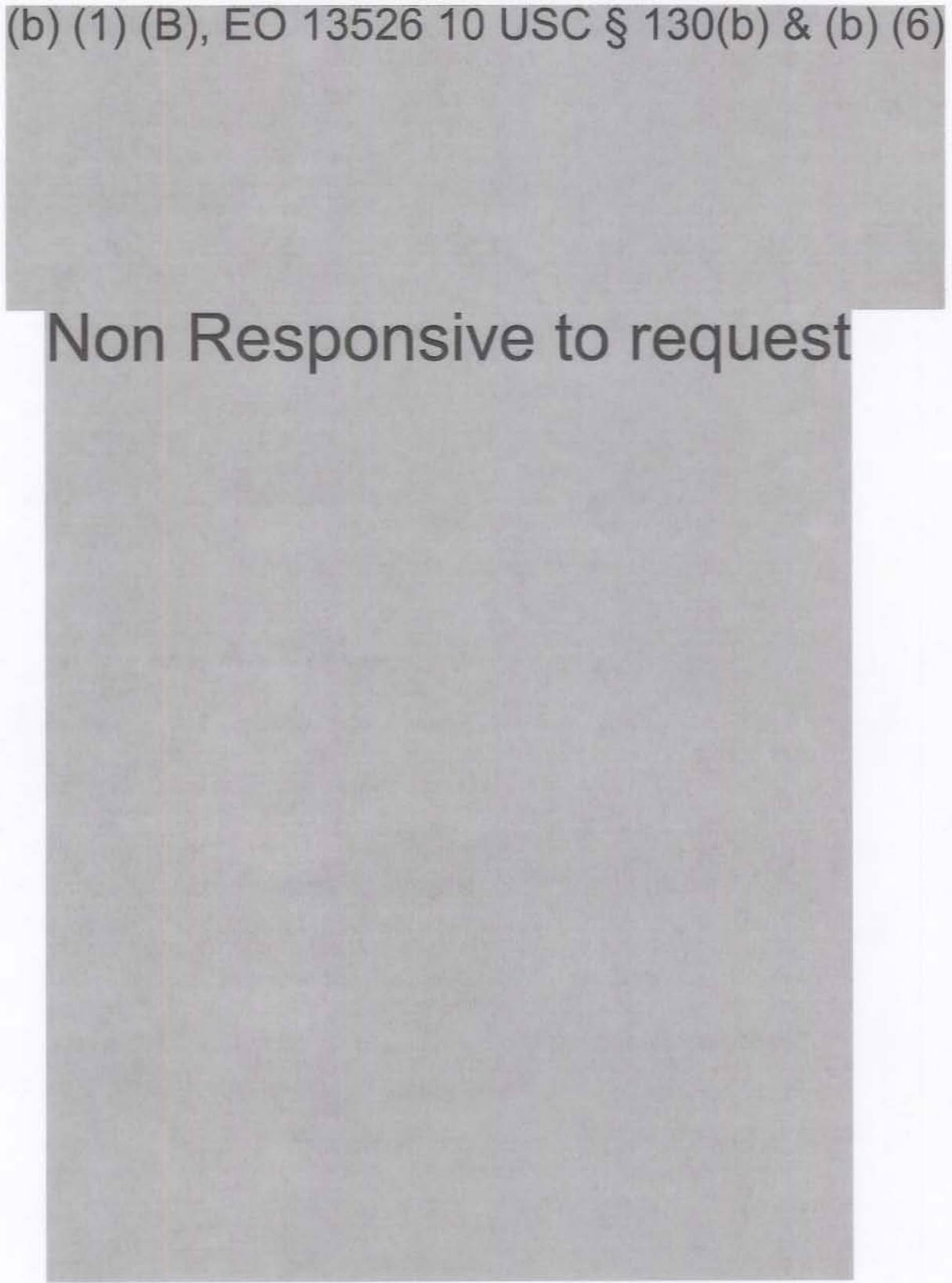
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THE M/V MAVI MARMARA INCIDENT IN 2010, ISRAELI NAVAL AND COMMANDO FORCES HAVE INCREASED TRAINING AND INSTITUTED NEW BOARDING TACTICS IN ORDER TO PREVENT A REPEAT OF THE MAVI MAMARA INCIDENT AND THE RESULTING GLOBAL BACKLASH AGAINST ISRAEL.

(U) BACKGROUND

(S//REL TO USA, GBR) THE ORIGINAL FREEDOM FLOTILLA, ORGANIZED BY INTERNATIONAL ACTIVISTS TO BREAK THE ISRAELI BLOCKADE OF GAZA, WAS COMPRISED OF NINE VESSELS AND WAS INTERDICTED BY THE INF ON 31 MAY 2010. A CLASH ONBOARD M/V MAVI MARMARA LED TO THE DEATH OF NINE ACTIVISTS AND THE INJURY OF 10 ISRAELI (b) (1) (B), EO 13526 10 USC § 130(b) & (b) (6)

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ACTUAL BOARDING VIA HELICOPTERS AND RHIBS WITH THE (b) (1) (B), EO 13526 10 USC § 130(b) & (b) (6)

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FOUR OF
THE FREEDOM FLOTILLA VESSELS INCLUDING THE M/V MAVI MARMARA, M/V
DEFNE, M/V SOFIA, AND M/V GAZZE WERE BOARDED AND ESCORTED TO ASHDOD
BY THE 1ST OF JUNE 2010. ISRAELI AUTHORITIES ALSO ESTABLISHED A

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