

# Agenda

## International Relations Advisory Committee Meeting

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I hereby give notice that an International Relations Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on:

**Date:** Wednesday, 25 February 2026

**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Location:** Council Chambers Darrandirra  
Level 1, Civic Centre  
Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin

Simone Saunders

Chief Executive Officer



**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Lord Mayor Peter Styles (Chair)

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Tourism Top End Samantha Bennett

Port of Darwin Ben Cheng

Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan

Chamber of Commerce NT Glen Hingley

Charles Darwin University Shannon Holborn

Dept of Trade Business and Asian Relations Hayley Richards

General Manager Innovation, City of Darwin Alice Percy

Larrakia Nation Michael Rotumah

Dept of Foreign Affairs and Trade NT Suzy Wilson-Uilelea

**OFFICERS**

Vanya Bosiocic, Manager Economic Development

Jessica Fry, Manager International Relations and Sponsorship

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**9 OFFICER REPORTS****9.1 UPDATE ON SISTER CITIES ACTION PLAN**

**Author:** Manager Economic Development

**Authoriser:** General Manager Innovation

**Attachments:** Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the report entitled Update on Sister Cities Action Plan be received and noted.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Sister Cities Action Plan 2024-2026.

**KEY ISSUES**

- The current Action Plan follows on from the previous Sister Cities Action Plan 2022-2024.

**DISCUSSION**

The purpose of the Action Plan is to:

- identify initiatives collectively
- establish and coordinate key success indicators
- measure progress and delivery.

**Actions Update**

Item	Tasks/ Projects Scope/Deliverables	Timeframe	Status
1	Support and deliver the 2025 Darwin Fusion	FY 2024/25	Completed
2	Darwin Welcome Pack for New businesses	FY 2025/26	Not yet started.
3	Develop metrics to measure and report on the Sister City relationship activities	FY 2024/25	Completed in the Action Plan and Project Management Plan for each project.
4	2025 International Women's Day Walk participation	FY 2025/26	Delivered for 24/25. In planning process for 25/26.
5	2024 Darwin Sister City Committee Christmas Walk and sponsorship for the community representing the Sister City countries to make a float or walk based on the request	FY 2024/25	Completed
6	2025 Darwin Ambon Yacht Rally or similar event hosted in Darwin	FY 2025/26	2025 Darwin Ambon Yacht Rally is not going ahead and seeking to carry forward the action and budget from City of Darwin for next FY 25/26 in order to support the 2026 Darwin Ambon Yacht Rally. Carry forward of funds approved.
7	2025 Darwin Dili Yacht Rally	FY 2024/25	Completed
8	2025 Darwin Sister City Award – Storytelling Competition	FY 2024/25	Completed
9	Darwin and Sister Cities' marketing and promotion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to promote Darwin and Darwin's Sister Cities programs via the Discover Darwin LinkedIn and Website</li> </ul>	FY 2025/26	Ongoing - Discover Darwin LinkedIn.
10	Darwin Sister Cities Soiree	August 2025	Completed

<b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION</b>	
N/A	
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	5 A Vibrant and Creative City 5.2 By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	N/A
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	N/A
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	N/A
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>

**9.2 UPDATE ON PLANNING FOR SISTER CITIES CUP AND DARWIN FUSION 2026**

**Author:** Manager International Relations and Sponsorship  
**Authoriser:** General Manager Innovation  
**Attachments:** Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the report entitled Update on Planning for Sister Cities Cup and Darwin Fusion 2026 be received and noted.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Sister City Advisory Committee on the progress of the planning of the Sister Cities Cup and Darwin Fusion 2026.

**KEY ISSUES**

- Sister Cities Cup and Darwin Fusion 2026 will take place from 10-12 July 2026.
- The three-day program will include a two-day Football tournament, an International Trade Show and International Relations Forum, and the return of the much-loved International Food Fair.
- City of Darwin has engaged with key stakeholders, including Football NT, Charles Darwin University, CSIRO, Consulates, Larrakia Nation and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to progress the planning for the event.
- Darwin's Sister Cities and Friendship Cities have received an introductory letter from the Lord Mayor, the Hon Peter Styles, with a brief overview of the event and initial invitations.
- A comprehensive sponsorship prospectus is currently being developed with opportunities for collaboration and partnership across each of the four activations.

**DISCUSSION**

Through the Sister Cities Action Plan 2024-2026, the Sister Cities Advisory Committee developed and implemented 10 key initiatives with the aim of meeting strategic targets set out within City of Darwin Policy 053 International Relation and Sister City addressing:

- Community and cross-cultural development
- Economic Development
- International promotion of City of Darwin.

2026 will see the City of Darwin officers implement initiative nine – the 'Darwin Sister City Cup', a two-day Football tournament, consisting of local football teams and those from City of Darwin's Sister and Friendship Cities.

Following the success of 'Darwin Fusion 2025', the Sister Cities Cup tournament will also include an International Trade Show and International Relations Forum, and the return of the much loved International Food Fair.

The amended format, now titled 'Darwin Fusion 2026' aims to strengthen connections between Darwin and our Sister and Friendship Cities while promoting and showcasing Darwin's sporting, businesses, cultural diversity and vibrant community spirit.

As a three-day program, Darwin Fusion 2026 aims to showcase Darwin's International Relations and Sister Cities Program, while also promoting the city's sporting excellence in football while supporting our international partners in promoting, building capacity and partnerships through sport diplomacy. While showcasing Darwin as the centre of Northern Australia's cultural and economic exchange opportunities with our Sister Cities.

The following developments have taken place since the November 2025 meeting.

**Stakeholder engagement - meetings**

- Football NT (our partner in delivering the tournament) – meeting included discussion on draft fixtures, event logistics, marketing and communications channels and potential partners.
- Charles Darwin University - in discussions regarding possible partnership through In-Kind sponsorship of the International Relations Forum and Trade Show
- CSIRO – in discussions regarding possible partnership of the International Relations Forum.
- Quotes sourced from local Darwin based event venues to host the International Relations Forum and Trade Show
- DFAT, Australian Consul-Generals of Bali and Guangzhou - Advice and engagement on program and forum concepts and themes, invitation list, and international stakeholder engagement strategies.

**International Sister Cities engagement**

- Darwin's Sister Cities and Friendship Cities each received an introductory letter the Lord Mayor, the Hon Peter Styles as the newly elected Lord Mayor.
- These letters also provided a brief overview of 'Darwin Fusion 2026' with initial invitations extended and reference to an official invitation to follow.
- From this correspondence, two Sister Cities, Haikou and Dili have confirmed their interest and intent to send a delegation including government dignitaries and teams to participate within the Sister Cities Football tournament.
- Official delegation registration packs been finalised and will be distributed to all international Sister and Friendship city delegates and relevant international and local stakeholders by the end of the February 2026.

**Sponsorship Prospectus**

- A comprehensive sponsorship prospectus has been developed and will be shared with key City of Darwin stakeholders with opportunities for collaboration and partnership across each of the four activations.
- Committee members are welcome to request a copy to extend out to their stakeholders.

<b>Communications Plan</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Darwin officers will meet with internal stakeholders to finalise the Darwin Fusion 2026 communication and marketing plan, with key tactics for the promotion of the events, both to our stakeholders and the wider community.</li> </ul>	
<b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION</b>	
N/A	
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	<p>5 A Vibrant and Creative City</p> <p>5.2 By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity</p>
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<p><b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION</b></p> <p>N/A</p>
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**9.3 UPDATE ON WELCOMING CITIES**

**Author:** Manager Economic Development

**Authoriser:** General Manager Innovation

**Attachments:** Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the report entitled Update on Welcoming Cities be received and noted.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on City of Darwin joining the Welcoming Cities Network.

**KEY ISSUES**

- City of Darwin has recently joined the Welcoming Cities Network.
- As a member of the network, City of Darwin commits to taking steps towards creating an environment that unlocks the full potential of all members of our community.
- The network involves several key elements, including knowledge sharing, partnership development, celebrating success and setting a standard for cultural diversity and inclusion policy and practice in Local Government.

**DISCUSSION**

Welcoming Cities is a growing network of cities, shires, towns and municipalities committed to advancing communities where everyone can belong.

Membership of the Welcoming Cities network is a measurable step towards advancing communities where everyone can belong, contribute and thrive.

As a member, City of Darwin will be supported by the Network through:

- **Knowledge Sharing** - Supporting local governments to access evidence-based research, resources, policies and case studies.
- **Partnership Development** - Facilitating and resourcing multi-sector partnerships to maximise learning, reach and impact.
- **Celebrating Success** - Recognising local governments that demonstrate leading practice and innovation in welcoming efforts.
- **Standard + Accreditation** - Setting the National Standard for cultural diversity and inclusion policy and practice in Local Government.

City of Darwin will utilise its membership to access evidence-based tools and resources, marketing resources, professional networks, research and data to support the following targets:

- Fostering a sense of community belonging and participation through City of Darwin's Liveability Platform.
- Increase participation of new migrants, refugees, First Nations peoples at events; this will be measured through surveys.
- Designing and executing inclusive multicultural events, such as Sister Cities Cup, Darwin Fusion, and International Food Fair.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewing and adapting City of Darwin's Funding Guidelines to enhance support for multicultural activities/ initiatives.</li> <li>• Offering other language options on City of Darwin's Liveability Platform and Discover Darwin.</li> <li>• Designing business networking event to attract multicultural entrepreneurs and small businesses.</li> <li>• Inclusive placemaking through multicultural public art, inclusive signage, sport and street food programs.</li> <li>• Capacity building staff through culturally inclusive training and measuring completion rates.</li> <li>• Governance targets will include formal membership in the network and a public welcoming statement from Lord Mayor.</li> </ul>	
<b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION</b>	
N/A	
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	5 A Vibrant and Creative City 5.2 By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity
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**10 MEMBER REPORTS**

**11 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**11.1 MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATES**

**Author: Manager Economic Development**

**Authoriser: General Manager Innovation**

**Attachments: Nil**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the report entitled Members Verbal Updates be received and noted.

**12 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

THAT the next International Relations Advisory Committee Meeting be held on Wednesday, 24 June 2026, at Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section).

### 13 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 51 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*:

##### 18.1 Proposal for Friendship City Agreement with the City of Atambua

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Committee is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

##### 20.1 Members Verbal Updates

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(e) of the Local Government Act, and the Committee is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with subject to subregulation 51(3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

**14 CLOSURE/ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

# Minutes

## International Relations Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, 23 October 2025

Unconfirmed

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DARRANDIRRA, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY  
CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN  
ON THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2025 AT 11:00 AM**

**PRESENT:**

The Right Worshipful, the Lord Mayor Peter Styles (Chair)  
Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris  
General Manager, Tourism Top End Samantha Bennett  
Executive Director, Port of Darwin Ben Cheng  
Chair, Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan  
General Manager Innovation, City of Darwin Alice Percy  
Director, Dept. of Foreign Affairs and Trade NT Suzy Wilson-Uilelea  
Senior Director, Dept. of Trade, Business and Asian Relations David Orr

**OFFICERS:**

Emma Struys, Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development  
Jessica Fry, Manager International Relations and Sponsorship

**APOLOGY:**

Vice Chancellor, Charles Darwin University Shannon Holborn  
Chief Executive Officer, Larrakia Nation Michael Rotumah  
Chief Executive Officer, Chamber of Commerce NT Glen Hingley

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## 1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

City of Darwin acknowledges that we are living and working on Larrakia Country.

We acknowledge the Larrakia people as the Traditional Owners of the Darwin region. We pay our respects to the Larrakia elders past and present and support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future.

City of Darwin is committed to working together with all Larrakia to care for this land and sea for our shared future.

*General Manager, Tourism Top End Samantha Bennett was not present at the commencement of the meeting at 11:04 am*

## 2 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC017/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Chair, Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11:04 am.

**CARRIED 7/0**

*General Manager, Tourism Top End Samantha Bennett joined the meeting at 11:07 am.*

## 3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 3.1 APOLOGIES

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC018/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Chair, Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan

THAT apologies from the following members be received.

- Vice Chancellor, Charles Darwin University Shannon Holborn
- Chief Executive Officer, Larrakia Nation Michael Rotumah
- Chief Executive Officer, Chamber of Commerce NT Glen Hingley

**CARRIED 8/0**

### 3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

### 3.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

## 4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

### 4.1 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE GRANTED

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC019/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Director, Dept. of Foreign Affairs and Trade NT Suzy Wilson-Uilelea

THAT the Committee note that pursuant to Section 95 (43) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the following member(s) was granted permission for Electronic Meeting Attendance:

- Senior Director, Dept. of Trade, Business and Asian Relations David Orr

**CARRIED 8/0**

### 4.2 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

Nil

## 5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

### 5.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

Nil

### 5.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

## 6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC020/25

Moved: Chair, Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the minutes of the International Relations Advisory Committee Meeting held on 18 June 2025 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 7 MOVING OF ITEMS

### 7.1 MOVING OF ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

### 7.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN

Nil

**7.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING****20.1 CONFIDENTIAL GENERAL BUSINESS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC010/25**

Moved: General Manager, Tourism Top End Samantha Bennett

Seconded: Executive Director, Port of Darwin Ben Cheng

THAT the following Confidential General Business be received and noted.

- Members Verbal Updates

**CARRIED 8/0****8 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS****8.1 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

Nil

**9 OFFICER REPORTS****9.1 SISTER CITIES SOIREE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC021/25**

Moved: Chair, Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan

Seconded: Director, Dept. of Foreign Affairs and Trade NT Suzy Wilson-Uilelea

THAT the report entitled Sister Cities Soiree be received and noted.

**CARRIED 8/0****9.2 2025 SISTER CITIES STORYTELLING COMPETITION UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC022/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Chair, Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan

THAT the report entitled 2025 Sister Cities Storytelling Competition Update be received and noted.

**CARRIED 8/0****9.3 SISTER CITIES ACTION PLAN UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC023/25**

Moved: Chair, Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan

Seconded: General Manager, Tourism Top End Samantha Bennett

THAT the report entitled Sister Cities Action Plan Update be received and noted.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

## 11 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 11.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC024/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Chair, Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan

THAT the following General Business be received and noted.

#### MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATES

General Manager, Tourism Top End Samantha Bennett

- Tourism is going well with a small uptake in revenue and visitation
- 550 members represent a large workforce in tourism in the Top End
- Provided an update on the tourist bus and cruise ships
- Tourism Top End supporting the Visitor Economy Strategy and will continue to liaise and cooperate with NTG to ensure that there will be funding requirements attached to the strategy
- Verified how Tourism Top End and City of Darwin can continue to work together and minimise any possible duplications
- Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris explained the relationship and synergy between Tourism Top End and City of Darwin in connection to this Committee and the possibility of having a consolidated events calendar where there will be one source of truth around the NT
- There are new China Southern Airlines flights to Darwin and it would be ideal to promote for the inbound market as well to help boost tourism
- Provided additional information regarding flights to and from China Southern Airlines with connections to London, Amsterdam, Paris, France, Frankfurt, Budapest, Istanbul and Madrid in Europe, three main cities in Japan, South Korea, South Asia and the Middle East. Lay-overs not more than three hours

Chair, Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan

- Congratulated the team for the Sister City Soiree which was a fantastic event with outstanding results
- Thanked Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris for doing the photo unveiling

Executive Director, Port of Darwin Ben Cheng

- Darwin Port delegation going to Shanghai for the China International Import Expo from 5-10 November

General Manager Innovation, City of Darwin Alice Percy

- Informed the group about the application for an ASEAN grant mainly for the Darwin Fusion and Sister City Cup and letters of support would be highly welcome
- Kate Heelan confirmed that AIBC will provide a support letter for the Australia-Indonesia

### Institute grant application

Senior Director, Dept. of Trade, Business and Asian Relations David Orr

- Minister Maley will be undertaking his first international trip as Agriculture Minister travelling to Jakarta, Indonesia to commence engagements with inbound cattle partners, together with heads of NT's peak bodies
- Minister Cahill will likewise be going on official travel to Denpasar for the AIBC Conference wherein NTG has been a gold sponsor for the last three years underpinning the government's commitment not only to the conference and the organisation but its relationship with Indonesia
- Looking to work with AIBC to put together a Team Territory event, with Minister Cahill wanting to engage with Territorians participating in this trip
- David Orr and Chris Mouat from the Investment Attraction team, will join the Darwin Port delegation in Shanghai for the China International Import Expo
- In addition, they have been invited to join the delegation with the AusTrade CEO during his visit to Guangzhou and there would be an engagement with China Southern focusing on routes into Australia as a whole and newest route to Darwin
- Promote Darwin as a tourism destination during said visit, which will be supported by Tourism Australia
- Tourism Australia is using two Territory destinations as hero images in their latest campaign, Uluru and Kakadu, which will be used for international marketing campaigns
- The mention of China Southern Airlines international flights brings forth exciting opportunities and correlates with the DTBAR's international relations' area with particular focus on inbound numbers considering Darwin's population size, hence, continuously working across government on ways to ensure that all flights are maintained
- An international engagement strategy from the previous government is no longer current, hence, in line with the creation or re-introduction of the Office of Asian Relations by the new government, a series of market plans is being developed focusing on individual plans which would go out broadly across a variety of industries for external consultation once the internal consultations have been completed
- Congratulations to City of Darwin for the successful culmination of a number of events

Director, Dept. of Foreign Affairs and Trade NT Suzy Wilson-Uilelea

- Thanked the group for accommodating meetings whenever possible
- Recent trade visit from the Australian Ambassador to Beijing and thanked Kate Heelan for convening a round-table breakfast meeting focused on discussions on two-way trade flows and investments
- Head of Post to Shanghai coming on 20 November
- Cyber Affairs and Critical Technology Ambassador may visit by end-of-year
- Head of Post to Bali may visit next year
- Congratulated the team for the success of Darwin Fusion

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 12 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

### RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the next International Relations Advisory Committee be held on Wednesday, 18 February 2026, at 11:00 AM (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

**13 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

**14 CLOSURE/ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 11:57 am.

THAT the chair declared the open section of the meeting closed at 11:57 am.

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the International Relations Advisory Committee Meeting held on 18 February 2026.**

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**CHAIR**