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Thank you for your email of 24 June 2017 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

*Can you tell me what boundaries of the Israeli state do the UK recognise and what actual is the definition of "recognition" of a country or government.*

I am writing to advise you that we have completed a search of our paper and electronic records. The criteria for recognising a state in international law does not require clearly delimited boundaries of a state. The UK's longstanding position on the Middle East Peace Process is to support a negotiated two-state solution based on 1967 borders with land swaps, and with Jerusalem as the shared capital of both states. The UK supported SCR 2334, which underlined that the international community "will not recognize any changes to the 4 June 1967 lines, including with regard to Jerusalem, other than those agreed by the parties through negotiations".

Yours sincerely,

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