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Colleagues;

I'm sure you've heard from the advance already, but we are passing on the news that, due to the deaths of 5 Australian servicemembers in Afghanistan, PM Gillard has cut short her stay in the Cooks and returned to Australia. This will obviously drop the bilat on the schedule. We are working to confirm but believe the trilat is still going forward as planned. This also means Gillard will not attend the women's event. We're also working to find out if Australia plans to send anyone to that in her stead. S/GWI should probably revise comments referencing Gillard for that event. We will pass on any additional info we get about Australia's presence at PIF during S time there. Thanks very much,

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