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UNHCR welcomes return of Palestinian man to Australia

UNHCR today welcomed the Australian Government's decision to revoke the removal of a Palestinian man and return him to Australia to consider afresh his application for a protection visa.

The Palestinian man was flown to Dubai last Wednesday evening as the first leg of a journey to his home country.

Australia's reconsideration of the case followed the provision by UNHCR on Saturday of significant new country of origin information to the Australian authorities, which indicated the likelihood of persecution if the man was returned to his habitual place of residence.

UNHCR looks forward to continuing to work with the Australian Government to provide international protection to those in need.

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