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PDMS Ref. Number MS18-010914

To Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs

Subject Advice on humanitarian visa caseload from the Americas

Timing At your convenience.

Recommendations

That you:

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2. agree, in addition to the (already agreed) 100 places through the Protection Transfer Arrangement (Salvadorans, Guatemalans and Hondurans), to increase the allocation for the 2018-19 program from the Americas, by 250 places, comprising:

i) 200 places for Special Humanitarian Program applicants from Venezuela; and

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ii) UNHCR referral of 50 places, mostly Venezuelans, from the Caribbean, without the need for additional funding to UNHCR;

agreed / not agreed

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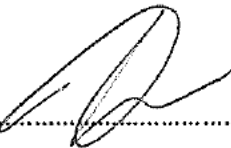
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Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs

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Minister's Comments

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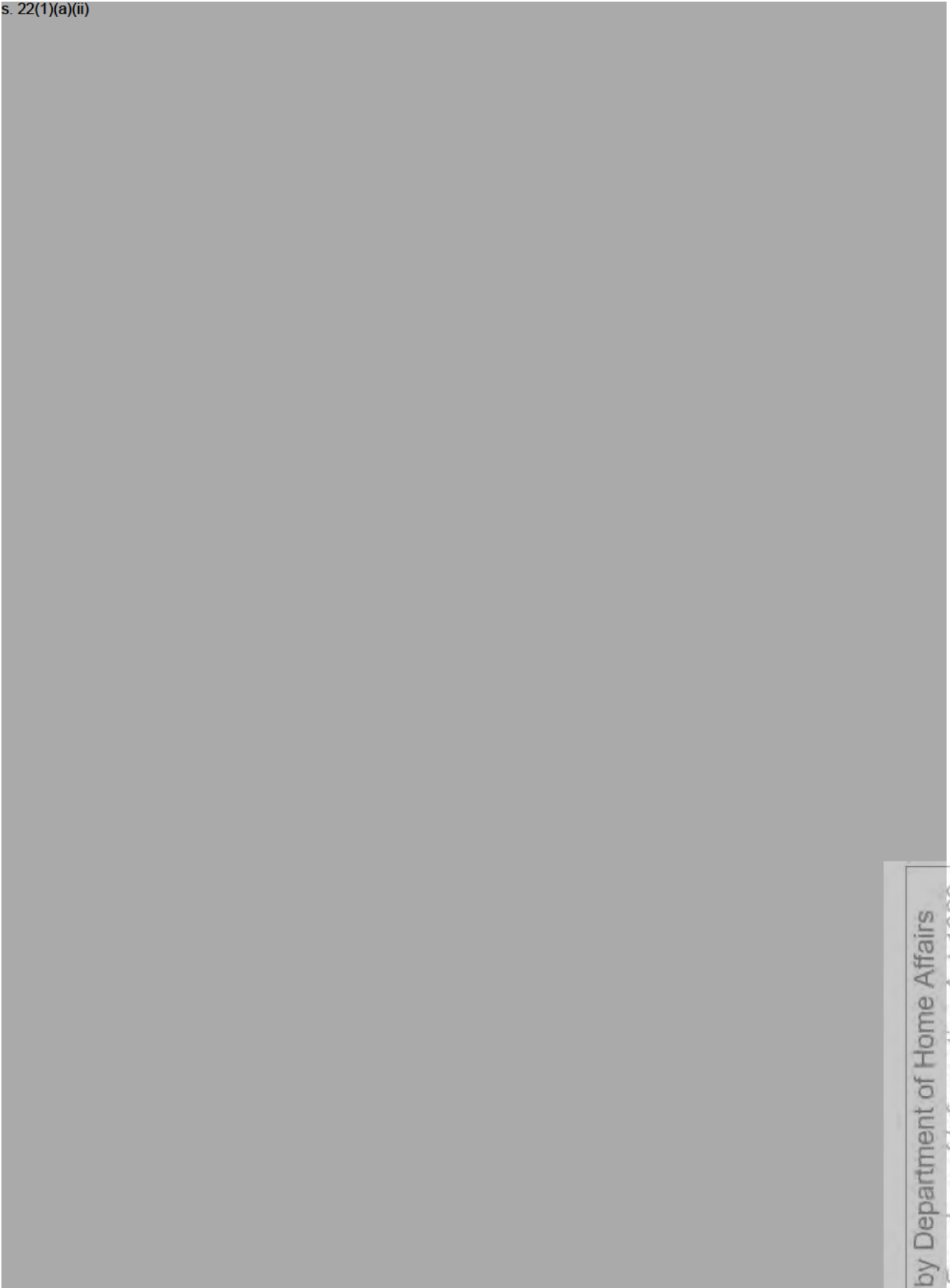
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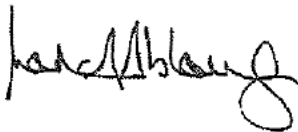
Attachments

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**Attachment B** MS18-009577 Further advice on the composition of the 2018-19 Humanitarian Program

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Deputy Secretary Policy

Date: 20 December 2018

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A/g Chief Financial Officer, Finance Division

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Commissioner  
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First Assistant Secretary, Refugee, Citizenship and Multicultural Programs Division  
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Submission

For decision

PDMS Ref. Number MS18-009577

**To** Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs

**Subject** Further advice on the composition of the 2018-19 Humanitarian Program

**Timing** By 30 November 2018 to allow the Department of Home Affairs to plan for and allocate the necessary resources to deliver the Program for 2018-19.

**Recommendations**

That you:

1. note the size of the 2018-19 Humanitarian Program is set by legislative instrument at 18,750 places; (noted) / please discuss
2. agree to settings for the offshore and onshore programs:
  - a) 17,100 offshore places, with:
    - i. 9,458 in the refugee stream; agreed / not agreed
    - ii. 6,642 in the Special Humanitarian Program (SHP); agreed / not agreed
    - iii. 1,000 in the Community Support Program (CSP); agreed / not agreed
  - b) the remaining 1,650 places for people who arrive in Australia lawfully and engage Australia's international protection obligations; agreed / not agreed
3. agree, with regard to the offshore Program, to resettle refugees from the following overseas regions (with further detail at Attachment A):
  - (a) Middle East region: 8,523 places (49.8 per cent) agreed / not agreed
  - (b) Asia region: 3,650 places (21.3 per cent) agreed / not agreed
    - i. with scope to include a small number of places (<150) for Afghans in Iran at an advanced stage of processing to finalise this caseload; agreed / not agreed

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(c) Africa region: 3,627 places (21.2 per cent)

agreed / not agreed

- i. with scope to include a small, new caseload of suitable Eritreans and Ethiopians from Libya and Niger to assist international efforts to address irregular migration;

agreed / not agreed

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(e) CSP places: 1,000 places (5.9 per cent)

agreed / not agreed

- i. allocated from the above priority regions on a demand-driven basis;

agreed / not agreed

- 4. note that these decisions will result in 2,708 places within the overall program for members of the Yazidi (1908), Bhutanese (400) and Baha'i (400) communities;

noted / please discuss

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- 6. agree that, in prioritising entrants for resettlement from the above offshore regions:

- a) 15 per cent of the offshore Program will be set aside for vulnerable women, children and unaccompanied minors;

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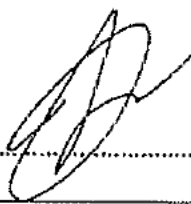
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8. sign the attached letters to the Minister for Foreign Affairs  
and the Minister for Families and Social Services  
(Attachments B and C, respectively).

☒ signed / not signed

Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs

Signature.....



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### Program Size and Composition

2. The minimum number of visas to be granted under the 2018-19 Humanitarian Program is set by legislative instrument at 18,750 places. We recommend allocating 1,650 places for the onshore (Permanent Protection visa) stream of the Program, to manage the number of lawful arrivals expected to engage Australia's international protection obligations, and 17,100 places for the offshore resettlement component. This would be a similar proportional split to the 2017-18 Program.

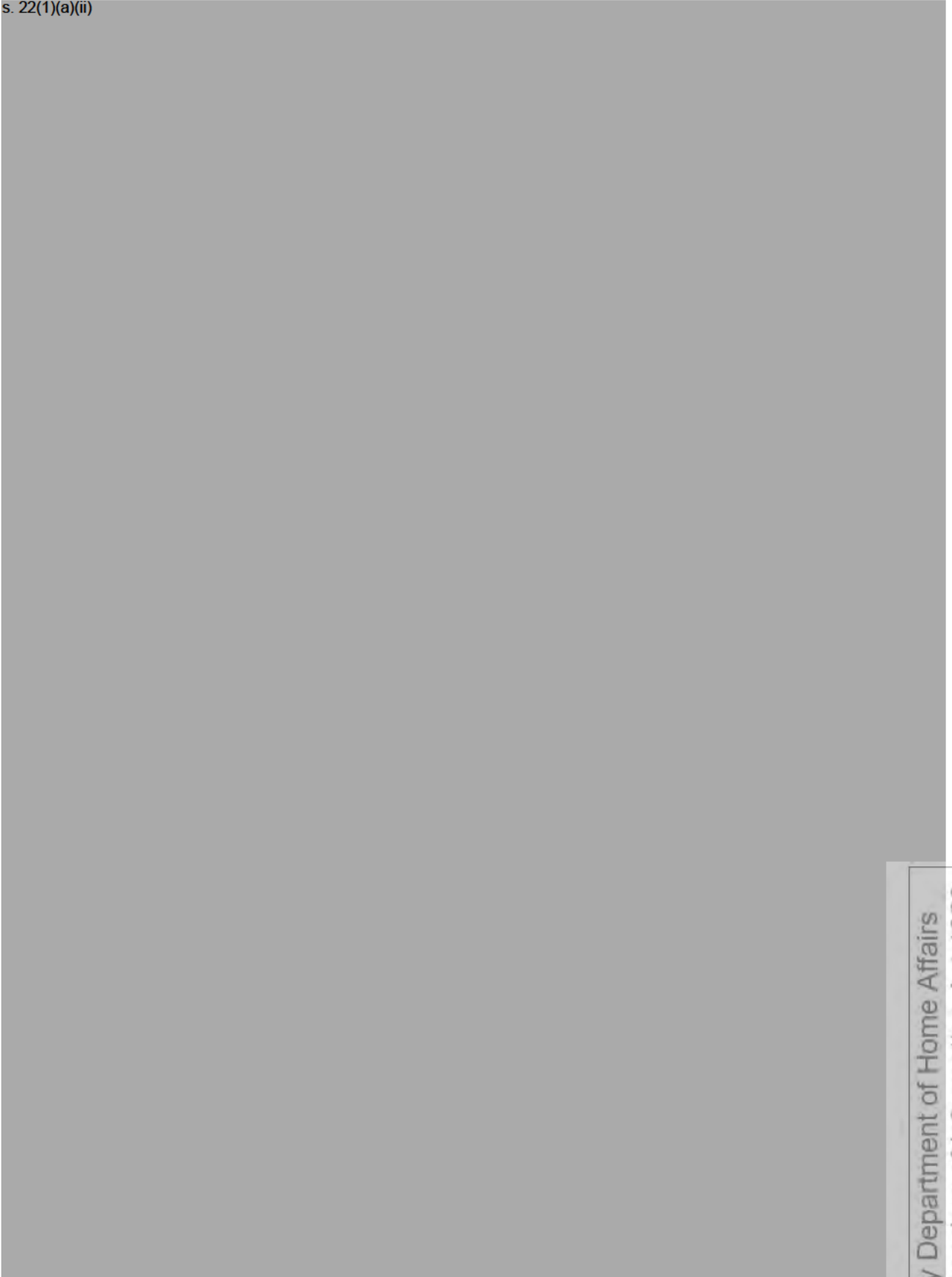
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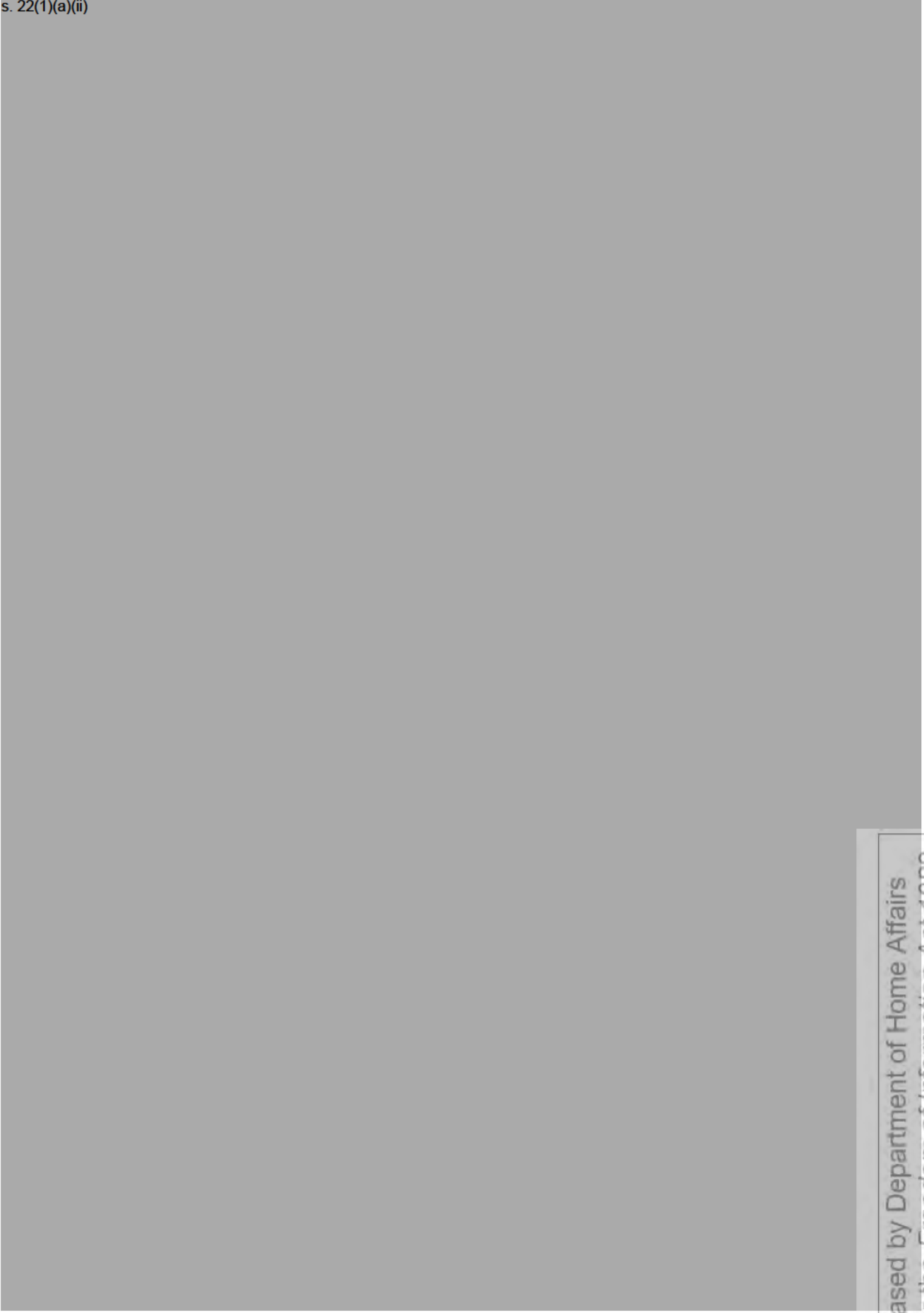


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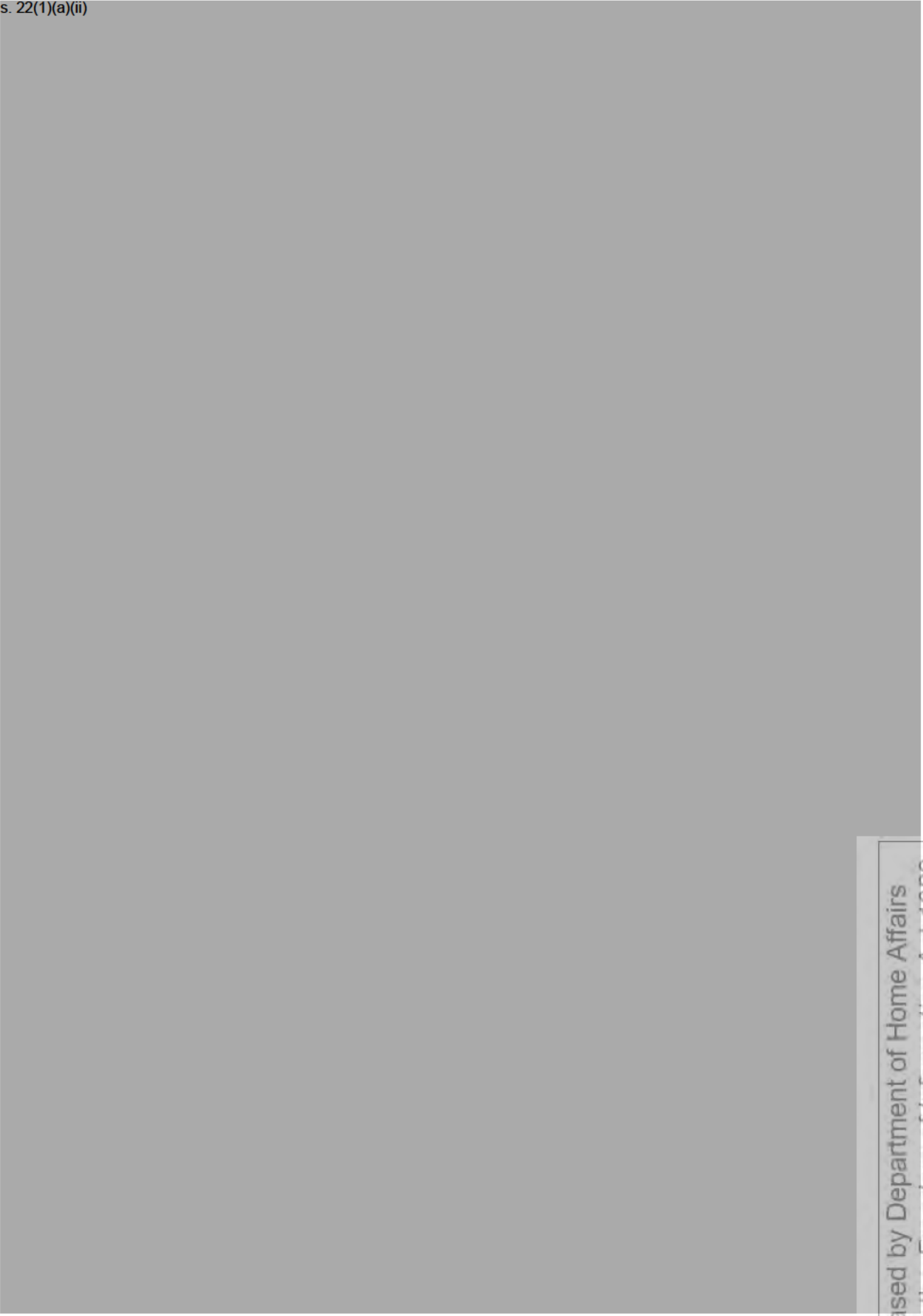


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**Attachment D** MS18-002133 – 2018-19 Humanitarian Program Composition

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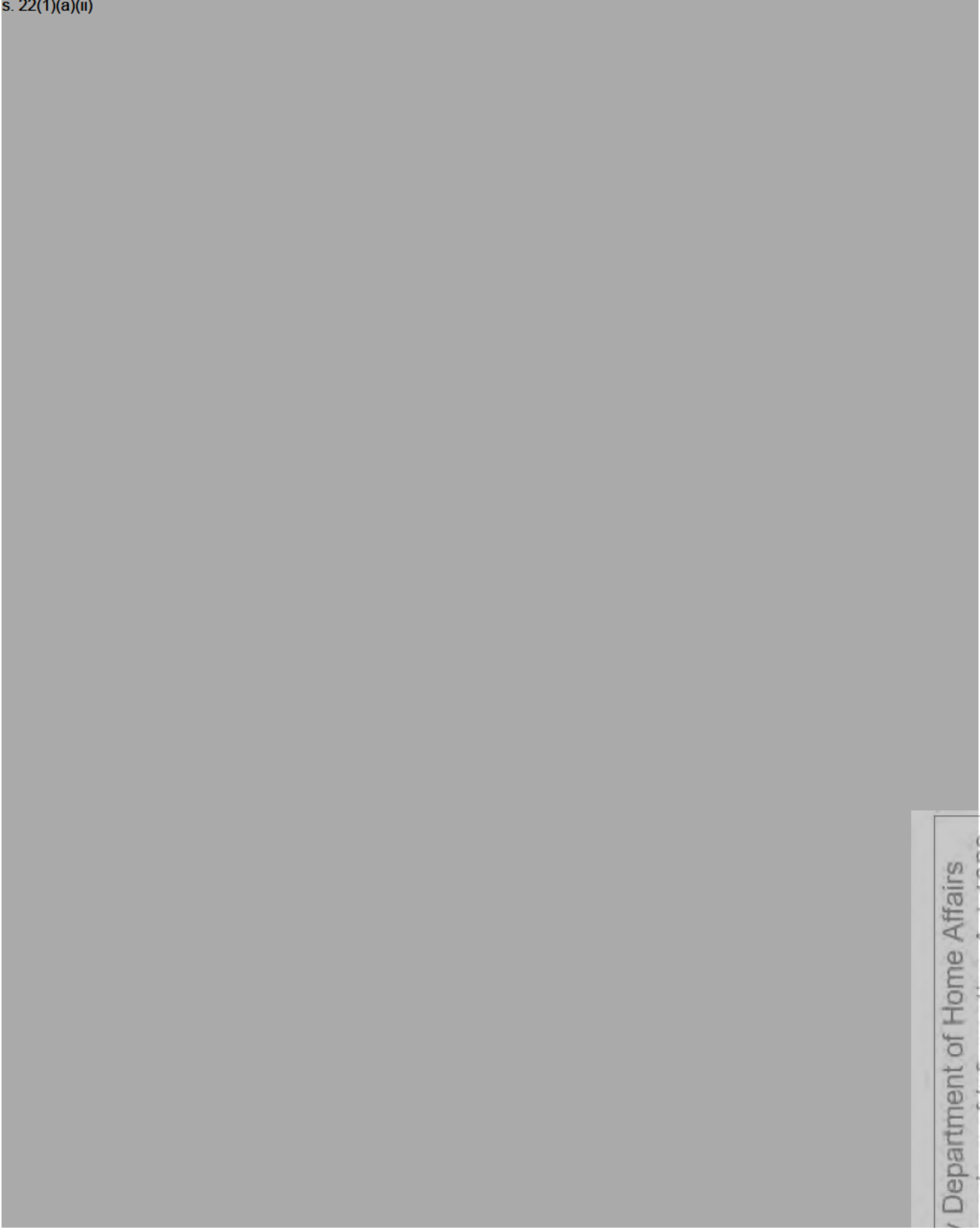
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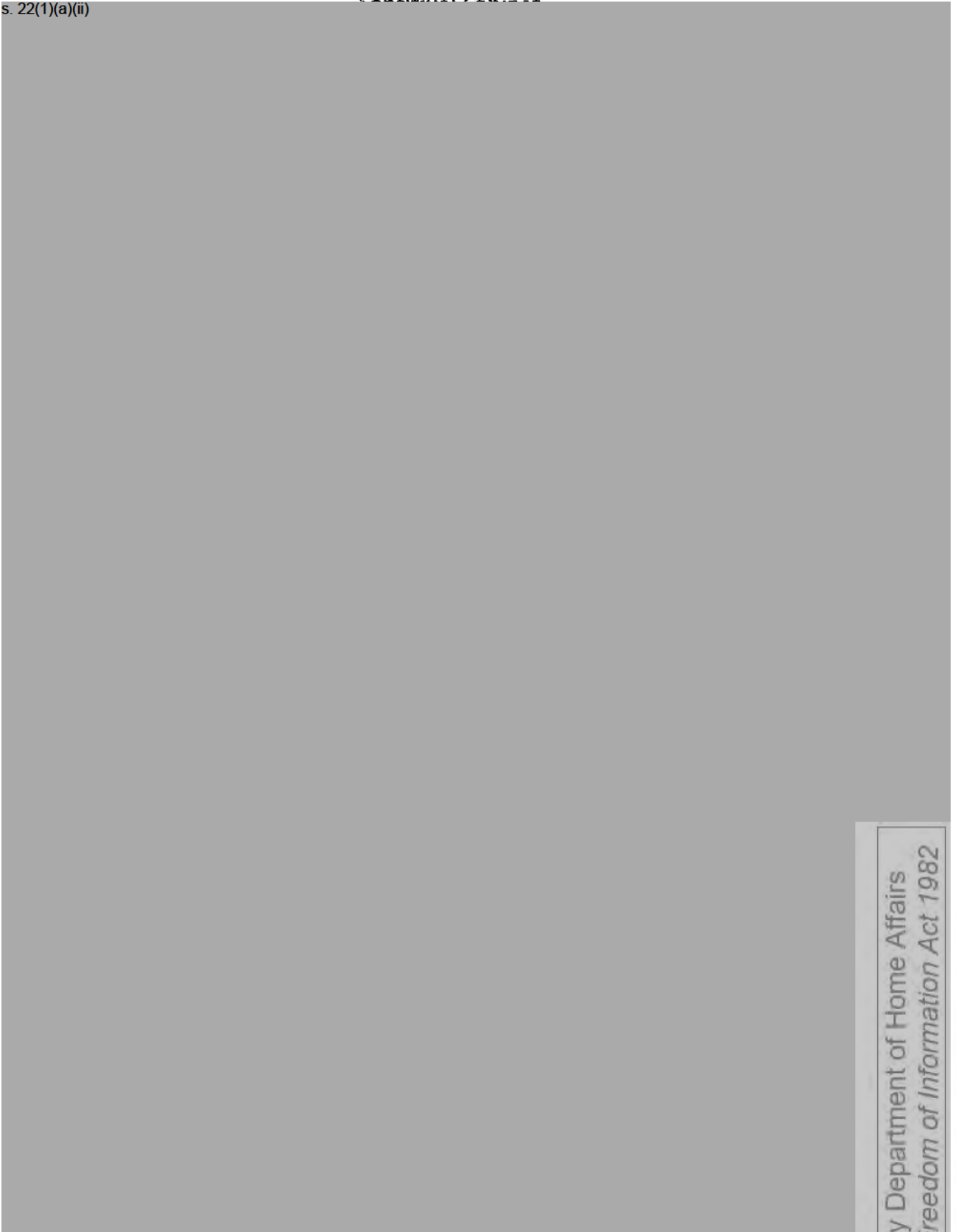
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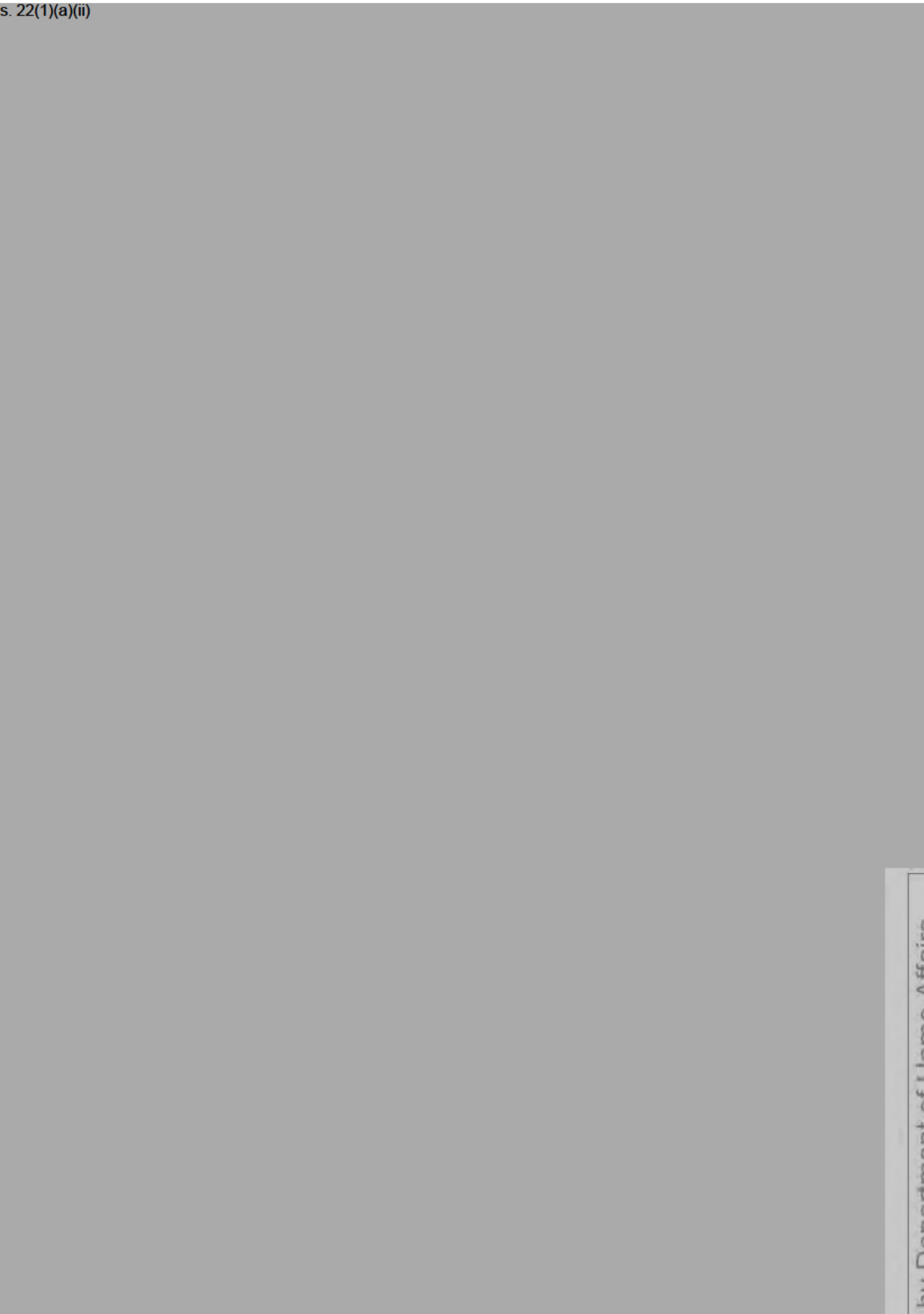


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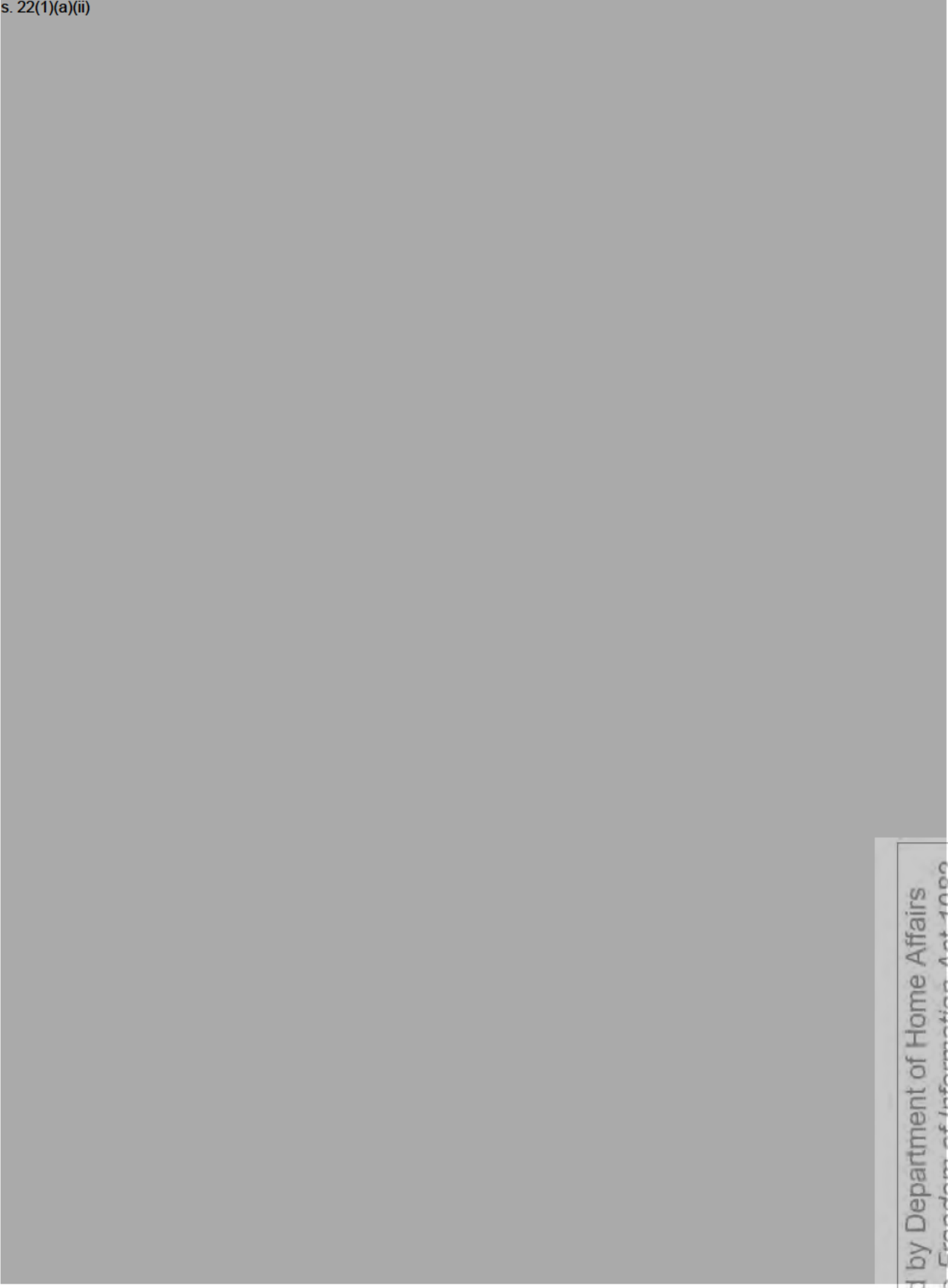
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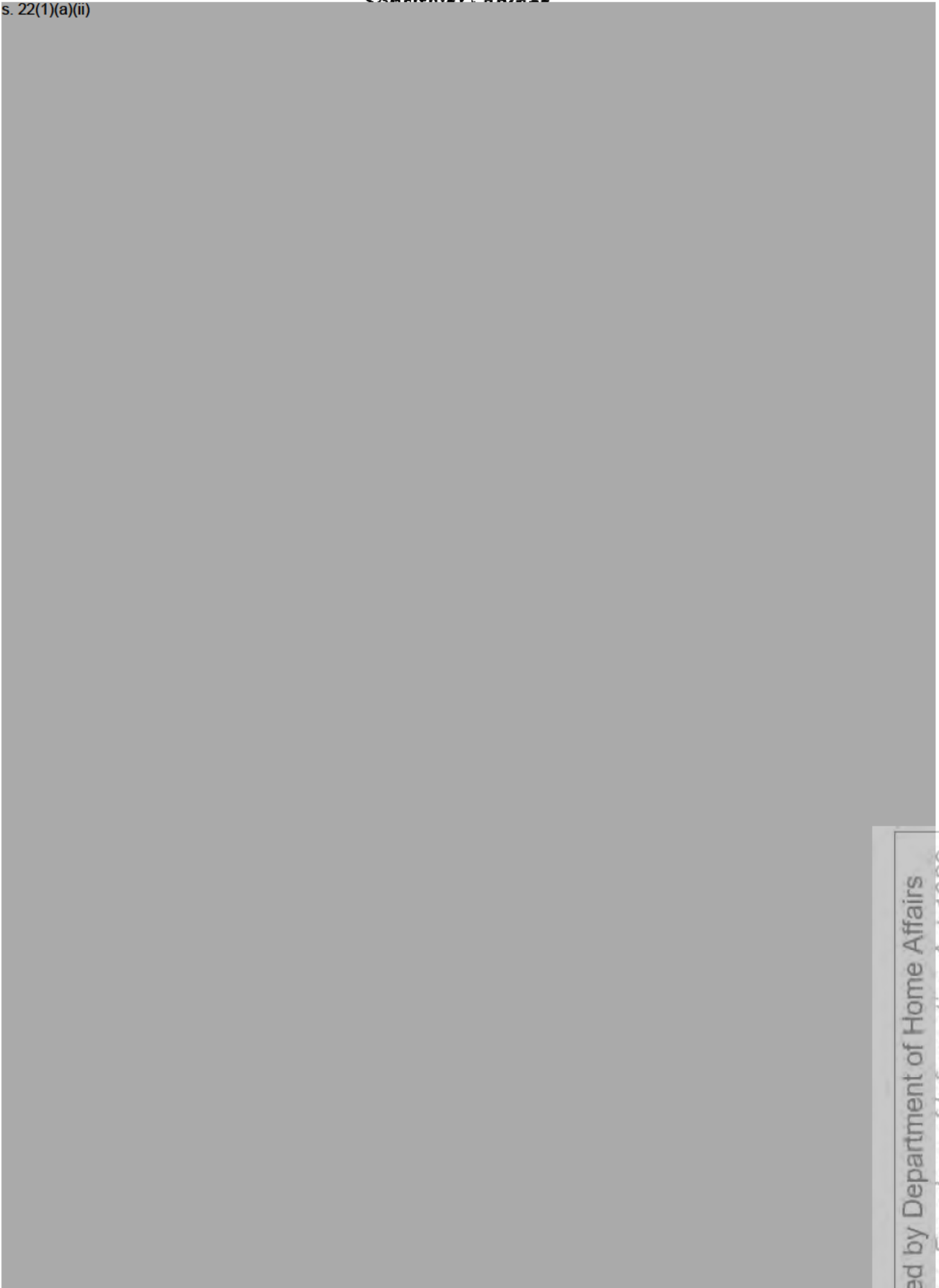
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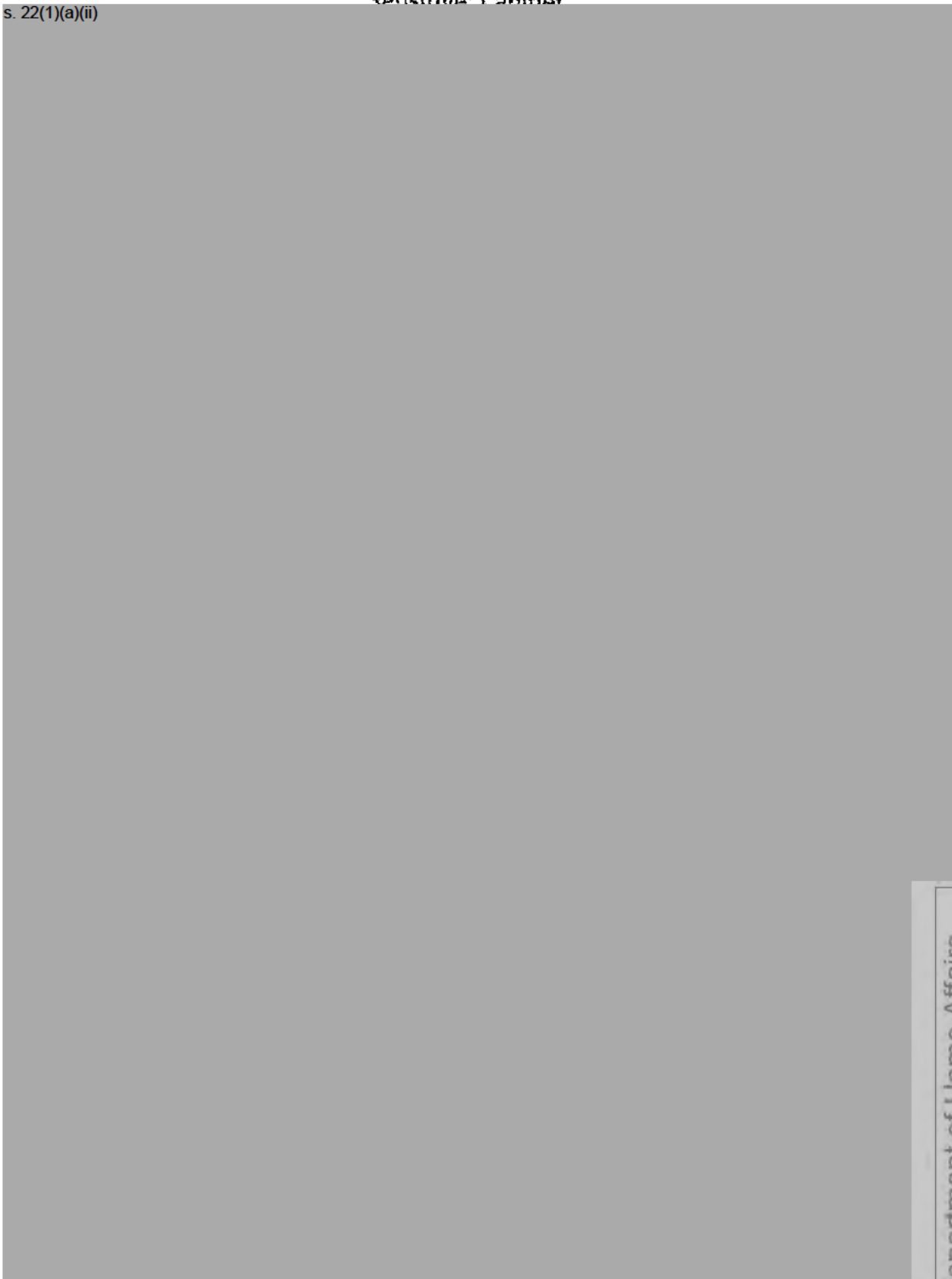
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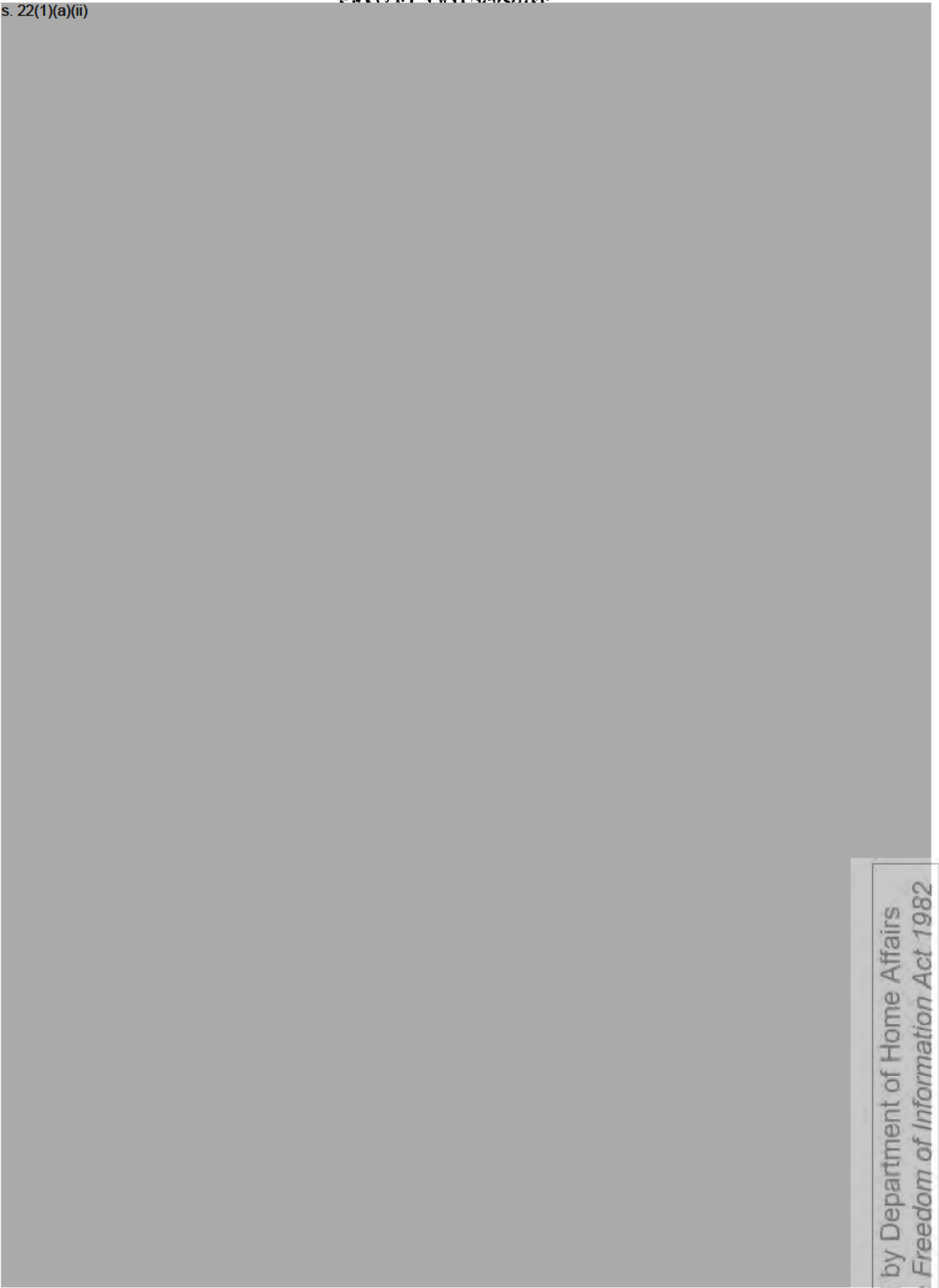
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