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<b>Minister</b>	Hon Stuart Nash	<b>Portfolio</b>	Economic and Regional Development
<b>Title of Cabinet Paper</b>	Framework Agreement with the US on Space Cooperation: Approval for Signature	<b>Date to be published</b>	15 November 2022

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Some information has been withheld for the reason of International Relations.



# Cabinet Economic Development Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Framework Agreement with the United States on Space Cooperation: Approval for Signature

**Portfolio**                      **Economic and Regional Development**

On 11 May 2022, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

- 1        **noted** that on 18 March 2020, DEV authorised officials to negotiate a treaty-level framework agreement with the United States (US) to advance New Zealand's cooperation with the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) [DEV-20-MIN-0053];
- 2        **noted** that the negotiations have now been completed;
- 3        **approved** the text of the Framework Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of New Zealand on Cooperation in Aeronautics and the Exploration and Use of Airspace and Outer Space for Peaceful Purposes (the Framework Agreement), attached as Annex One to the paper under DEV-22-SUB-0106;
- 4        **agreed** that New Zealand sign the Framework Agreement;
- 5        **authorised** New Zealand officials to agree to minor editorial amendments to the Framework Agreement before its signature;
- 6        **noted** that discussions are underway between New Zealand and US officials on a possible signing ceremony during the Prime Minister's visit to the US in May 2022;
- 7        **noted** that the Framework Agreement would enter into force after the Parliamentary treaty examination process has taken place, and once New Zealand and the US have exchanged diplomatic notes confirming that all domestic procedures have been completed;
- 8        **approved**, subject to any minor updates, the content of the National Interest Analysis (NIA), attached as Annex Two to the paper under DEV-22-SUB-0106;
- 9        **agreed** that the Framework Agreement and the NIA be presented to the House of Representatives for the purposes of the Parliamentary treaty examination process under Standing Order 405, after the Framework Agreement has been signed;

- 10 **agreed** to the exchange of diplomatic notes to bring the Framework Agreement into force, subject to the satisfactory completion of the Parliamentary treaty examination process.

Janine Harvey  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)  
Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Hon David Parker  
Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
Hon Poto Williams  
Hon Damien O'Connor  
Hon Willie Jackson  
Hon Michael Wood  
Hon Dr David Clark  
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall  
Hon Meka Whaitiri  
Hon Phil Twyford  
Rino Tirikatene, MP

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Officials Committee for DEV