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22 May 2019	<i>DEV-19-MIN-0122</i>	<i>Cabinet Economic Development Committee</i>
22 May 2019	<i>National Interest Analysis: Forced Labour Protocol, 2014</i>	<i>MBIE</i>

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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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International Labour Organisation's Forced Labour Protocol 2014: Proposed Ratification

Portfolio **Workplace Relations and Safety**

On 22 May 2019, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

- 1 **noted** that on 6 March 2019, DEV agreed to the release of a discussion document on the proposal to ratify the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) Forced Labour Protocol 2014 (the Protocol) [DEV-19-MIN-0033];
- 2 **noted** that the Protocol updates the ILO Forced Labour Convention, which New Zealand has ratified;
- 3 **noted** that ratification of the Protocol would highlight the importance the government places on addressing forced labour and other forms of contemporary slavery occurring within New Zealand's jurisdiction;
- 4 **noted** that ratification of the Protocol aligns with government initiatives already underway on people trafficking, forced labour, and temporary migrant worker exploitation more broadly;
- 5 **noted** that New Zealand's law and practice is already largely consistent with the Protocol's requirements;
- 6 **noted** that the Protocol will be brought into effect by the deposit of an instrument of ratification following notification that the necessary procedures to give effect to the Protocol have been fulfilled;
- 7 **agreed** that New Zealand ratify the Protocol, subject to the satisfactory completion of the Parliamentary treaty examination process, by lodging an Instrument of Ratification with the ILO;
- 8 **approved** the contents of the National Interest Analysis (NIA), attached as Annex One to the paper under DEV-19-SUB-0122;
- 9 **agreed** that the Protocol and the NIA be presented to the House of Representatives for the purposes of the Parliamentary treaty examination process, under Standing Order 397;

- 10 **noted** that the Protocol will enter into force for New Zealand 12 months following the date of deposit the instrument of ratification.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Phil Twyford
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
Hon Jenny Salesa
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon James Shaw

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