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# Cabinet Economic Development Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### World Radiocommunication Conference 2019: Approval to Attend and Sign the Final Acts

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On 12 June 2019, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1        **agreed** that New Zealand be represented at the World Radiocommunication Conference 2019 (the Conference), to be held in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, from 28 October to 22 November 2019;
- 2        **agreed** that the delegation be led by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, and include representatives from the New Zealand Defence Force and industry stakeholders;
- 3        **agreed** that the New Zealand delegation seek to maintain an efficient, flexible and liberalised international radiocommunication regulation framework, which is consistent with:
  - 3.1      the government's broader economic objectives;
  - 3.2      the interests of New Zealand consumers;
  - 3.3      World Trade Organisation agreements;
  - 3.4      New Zealand's telecommunications and broadcasting policy and regulatory regimes;
  - 3.5      the protection of existing radio-based services;
- 4        **noted** that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment will seek necessary credentials from the Minister of Foreign Affairs, which will confirm the New Zealand delegation has the right to sign the Final Acts of the Conference;
- 5        **authorised** the Minister of Broadcasting, Communications and Digital Media to authorise the New Zealand delegation to sign the Final Acts of the Conference on behalf of New Zealand;

6 **noted** that any treaty action within the Final Acts will be subject to New Zealand's domestic treaty process, which includes obtaining Cabinet approval.

Janine Harvey  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)  
Hon Phil Twyford  
Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway  
Hon Jenny Salesa  
Hon Shane Jones  
Hon Kris Faafoi  
Hon Willie Jackson  
Hon James Shaw  
Hon Eugenie Sage

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