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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Universal Postal Union Extraordinary Congress 2019: Review of the Remuneration for E Format Letter-Post Items

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On 11 September 2019, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1 **noted** that there has been increasing concern from some Universal Postal Union member countries that remuneration levels are not adequate and do not recognise the pressure that growth in e-commerce, as well as rising postal volumes, puts on the postal networks of high import countries;
- 2 **noted** that as a result of concerns over remuneration levels, the Government of the United States of America has officially notified the Universal Postal Union of its intention to withdraw from the organisation;
- 3 **noted** that should the United States of America leave the Universal Postal Union, this could have large-scale implications for the Universal Postal Union as an organisation, as well as on international mail flows;
- 4 **approved** the following objectives that will inform the positions to be taken by the New Zealand delegation to the extraordinary Universal Postal Union Congress:
 - 4.1 **Commercial Information**
 - 4.2 retain all current members in the Universal Postal Union;
 - 4.3 achieve fair and affordable outcomes for all members in the Universal Postal Union;
- 5 **authorised** the New Zealand delegation to sign the treaty-level Final Acts, subject to:
 - 5.1 the Final Acts being consistent with the negotiating parameters set out in the paper under DEV-19-SUB-0236; or
 - 5.2 the approval of the Minister of Broadcasting, Communications and Digital Media for any matters that fall outside the approved parameters;

- 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.

Jack Petterson
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Phil Twyford (Chair)
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Stuart Nash
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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