



Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

Minute of Decision

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World Intellectual Property Organization Diplomatic Conference May 2024: Negotiating Mandate

Portfolios Māori Development / Commerce and Consumer Affairs

On 1 May 2024, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee:

1 **noted** that New Zealand officials require a mandate to participate in Diplomatic Conference negotiations intended to conclude an *International Legal Instrument Relating to Intellectual Property (IP), Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources*, happening in Geneva, Switzerland, from 13 to 24 May 2024;

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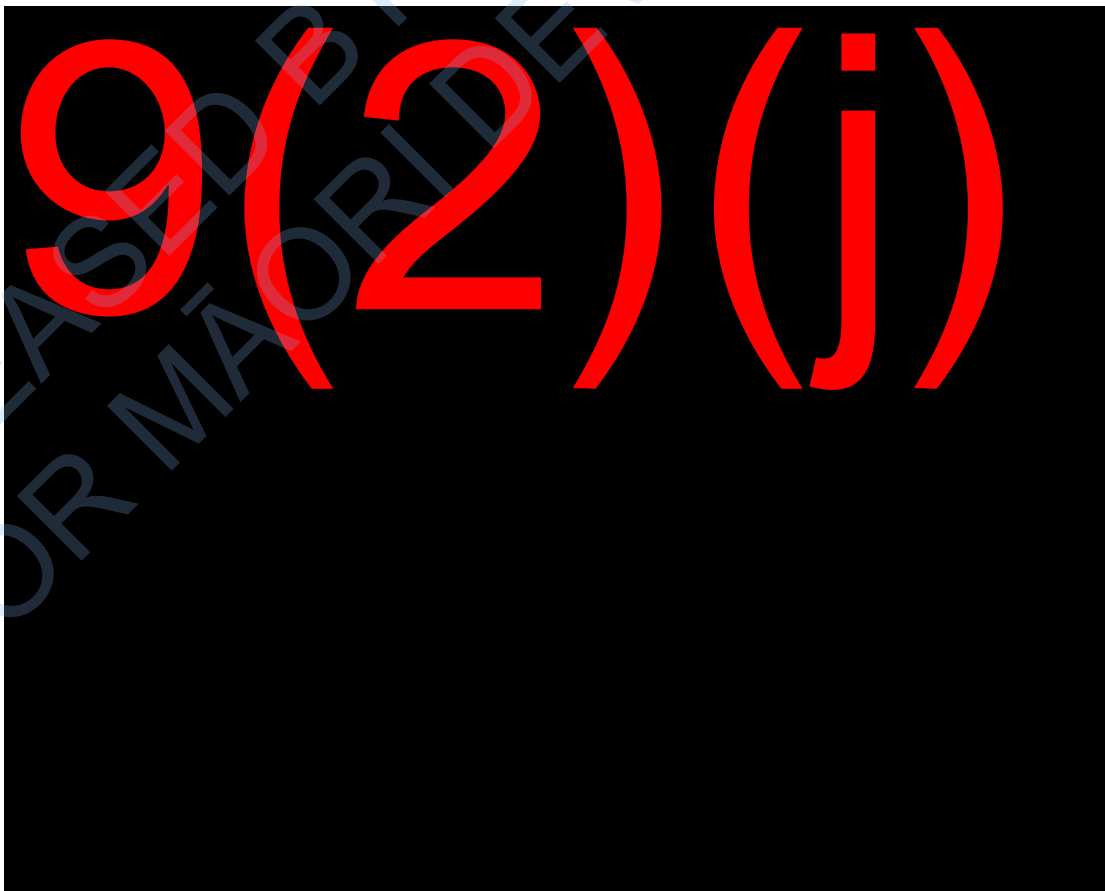
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3 **noted** that there were some concerns about the potential costs and implications should
knowledge be linked to particular groups of people;

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5 **invited** the Minister for Māori Development and the Minister of Commerce and Consumer
Affairs, should the conclusion of the instrument be successful, to report back to Cabinet with
a National Interest Analysis on whether New Zealand should work towards ratifying the
resultant international legal instrument.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon David Seymour
Hon Nicola Willis (Chair)
Hon Chris Bishop
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Judith Collins
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Matt Doocey
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Melissa Lee
Hon Penny Simmonds
Hon Chris Penk
Hon Andrew Bayly
Hon Andrew Hoggard
Hon Mark Patterson
Simon Court MP

Officials present from:

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Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
Officials Committee for ECO