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BRIEFING FOR THE MINISTER OF POLICE			
Priority	<input type="checkbox"/> Urgent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time-Sensitive <input type="checkbox"/> Routine		
Subject	Cabinet Paper for Ministerial Consultation – International Agreement with the European Union: Negotiating Mandate		
Date	3 June 2020	Ref	BR/20/24

Recommendations

Police recommends that you:

- a) **agree** to consult your Ministerial colleagues, and coalition and confidence and supply parties on the draft Cabinet paper, which seeks agreement to a Negotiating Mandate for an Information Sharing Agreement with Europol Yes/No
- b) **advise** Police by 16 June 2020 if you have any feedback on the draft Cabinet paper Yes/No
- c) **agree** to the Cabinet paper being lodged on 18 June 2020 for consideration by ERS on 23 June 2020. Yes/No

Minister's comments and signature



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Hon Stuart Nash
Minister of Police

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Cabinet Paper for Ministerial Consultation – International Agreement with the European Union: Negotiating Mandate

1. The draft Cabinet paper was originally submitted to your office in April but was not able to be progressed due to COVID-19.
2. The resubmitted paper has been amended to reflect formal reporting from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade that the European Council has authorised the opening of negotiations for an agreement on the exchange of personal data between Europol and the New Zealand law enforcement authorities.
3. The draft Cabinet paper attached seeks approval of a New Zealand negotiating mandate for an International Agreement on data sharing for law enforcement purposes with the European Union (EU).
4. An information sharing agreement between New Zealand and the EU would mean Europol could quickly and efficiently share personal data with New Zealand law enforcement agencies. The development of an agreement with Europol is strongly supported by New Zealand Police. Agency consultation indicated that there was no concern with the proposed agreement.
5. Police has liaised with MFAT on the timing of the Cabinet paper. MFAT supports progressing the paper as Cabinet approval of a New Zealand negotiating mandate means that negotiations can begin as soon as the EU negotiating mandate is finalised. Cabinet Office has advised that there is no restriction on negotiations commencing or continuing during the pre-election period.


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