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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 Agreement required for lodgement on 5 May 2022, ahead of the 10 May 2022 Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee meeting.		
Title	Submission of <i>The Europol Agreement: Approval for Signature</i> Cabinet paper and National Interest Analysis to Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee		
Date	4 May 2022	Ref	BR/22/40

Recommendations

Police recommends that the Minister of Police:

- a) **agree** to lodgement of the Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee (ERS) paper *The Europol Agreement: Approval for Signature* and associated materials, for ERS consideration on 10 May 2022
- b) **note** the attached talking points provided (**Appendix One**) to support your introduction of the Paper subject to your agreement to lodge.

Yes/No

Minister's comments and signature

Hon Poto Williams
Minister of Police

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**Submission of *The Europol Agreement: Approval for Signature* Cabinet paper
and National Interest Analysis to Cabinet External Relations and Security
Committee**

Purpose

1. We provide you with a Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee (ERS) paper *The Europol Agreement: Approval for Signature* (the Paper) and National Interest Analysis (NIA) for your approval to lodge for Cabinet consideration at the ERS meeting to be held on 10 May 2022.
2. The Paper (**Attachment One**), NIA (**Attachment Two**), Agreement (**Attachment Three**), and current Working Arrangement (**Attachment Four**) must be submitted by 5 May 2022, to enable consideration on 10 May 2022.

Background

3. On 10 April 2022, you agreed to refer the Paper, the final negotiated Agreement and its associated NIA for Parliamentary Treaty examination for Ministerial consultation [BR/22/26 refers].

Minor changes have occurred through ministerial consultation

4. Ministerial consultation on the Paper and NIA occurred between 11 April 2022 and 2 May 2022. s 9(2)(g)(i) OIA [REDACTED]
5. Agencies support the Paper, NIA, and Agreement and recognise the benefits to presenting the Agreement for Treaty examination and conclusion. Their feedback has been reflected in the lodgement versions of the Paper and NIA.

Next steps

6. We recommend that you approve lodgement of the Paper and NIA on 5 May 2022 for ERS Committee Cabinet consideration on 10 May 2022.
7. Subject to your approval and lodgement, talking points to support your introduction of the Paper and NIA at ERS have been provided at **Appendix One**.
8. Following Cabinet approval to refer the Agreement to Parliament, Police will support the Treaty examination process together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT). Parliament will present to Government on the outcomes of the Treaty process.

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9. We will brief you further on these outcomes once Treaty examination is concluded by late June 2022, so that arrangements may be made to sign the Agreement by mid 2022.



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