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YES

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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Treaty-Level Framework Agreement with the United States on Space: Negotiating Mandate

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On 18 March 2020, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1 [REDACTED] International relations [REDACTED]
- 2 **noted** that a Framework Agreement would open up new opportunities for cooperation on space science, Earth observation, aeronautics, space operations and missions;
- 3 **noted** that a Framework Agreement would provide certainty to NASA with regards to GST and customs duty exemptions for NASA missions in New Zealand;
- 4 **agreed** that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) negotiate a Framework Agreement on space cooperation between the New Zealand government and the United States government with NASA;
- 5 **noted** that officials will provide further advice to the Minister of Foreign Affairs regarding whether or not the Framework Agreement is a major bilateral treaty of particular significance which is subject to Parliamentary Treaty Examination;
- 6 **noted** that officials will seek Cabinet approval of the text, signature, and entry into force of the Framework Agreement once a final text has been negotiated and agreed.

Vivien Meek
Committee Secretary

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Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Phil Twyford
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon David Parker
Hon Nanaia Mahuta (via phone)
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
Hon Jenny Salesa
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Shane Jones
Hon James Shaw
Hon Eugenie Sage

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