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Minister	Hon Kris Faafoi	Portfolio	Immigration
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List of documents that have been proactively released

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7 March 2022	Additional Item: Invasion of Ukraine: Additional Support for New Zealand Visa Holders CAB-22-MIN-0060 Minute	Cabinet Office

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Additional Item: Invasion of Ukraine: Additional Support for New Zealand Visa Holders

Portfolio **Immigration**

On 7 March 2022, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that through its invasion of Ukraine, Russia (supported by Belarus) has shown a flagrant disregard for international law and breached its most fundamental norms, and abdicated its responsibility to uphold global peace and security;
- 2 **noted** that New Zealand has moved quickly to institute targeted travel bans, export controls, and other diplomatic measures to respond to Russia's aggression;
- 3 **noted** that the Russia Sanctions Bill [CAB-22-SUB-0058] will establish a legislative framework for New Zealand to implement targeted sanctions to further respond to Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine;
- 4 **noted** that additional support could be offered to Ukrainian citizens seeking to travel to, or remain in, New Zealand;
- 5 **noted** there are up to 200 Ukrainian citizens currently living in New Zealand whose visas are due to expire by the end of December 2022;
- 6 **agreed** to a 12 month extension for the visa holders referred to in paragraph 5;
- 7 **noted** that under New Zealand's current border settings, Ukrainian citizens holding valid New Zealand visas cannot enter New Zealand until July 2022;
- 8 **agreed** to grant an exemption to Ukrainian citizens holding valid New Zealand visas to allow them to enter New Zealand immediately.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet