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Office of the Associate Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety
Chair, Cabinet

Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan

I recommend that Cabinet note this report on my travel to Adelaide Australia from 9 to 11 February 2023, to attend the Eighth Ministerial Conference for the Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime (the Bali Process).

Report

- 1 The purpose of the travel was to represent New Zealand at the Bali Process Ministerial Conference, which included participation in the Ministerial Plenary (which enables Ministerial discussion and agreement of multilateral actions) and the Government and Business Forum Plenary (which brings together Governments and businesses to agree practical actions) ('the Plenaries').

Background

- 2 The Bali Process is a key international forum for policy dialogue, information sharing and practical cooperation to help the region address people smuggling, human trafficking and related transnational crime.
- 3 The Bali Process is co-chaired by Australia and Indonesia and has 49 members, including New Zealand. The following international organisations are members: the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, the International Organization for Migration, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Labour Organization.
- 4 New Zealand has been an active Bali Process member since its establishment in 2002 and is one of six members of the Steering Group. New Zealand co-chairs the Bali Process Working Group on the Disruption of Criminal Networks Involved in People Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons, alongside Vietnam.
- 5 This year the event had a particular significance as it marked the 20th Anniversary of the Bali Process.

Meeting outcomes

- 6 The Plenaries were an opportunity to reaffirm New Zealand's commitment to the Bali Process, agree strategic priorities and initiatives, and strengthen collaboration and engagement on combatting modern slavery, people smuggling, human trafficking and related transnational crime. The Plenaries

were also an opportunity to highlight New Zealand's commitment as a responsible contributor to addressing these issues.

- 7 As New Zealand's representative, I made a number of interventions during the Plenaries, emphasising the continuing importance of the forum and New Zealand's contributions both domestic and internationally. Key outcomes included:
 - 7.1 Updating members on New Zealand's modern slavery legislative reform, which proposes to establish new responsibilities for New Zealand organisations to ensure that their supply chains are free from exploitation. This reform will bring New Zealand back into step with international best-practice and was well-received with regular praise from attendees.
 - 7.2 Highlighting New Zealand's activities in the region, including our collaborative work with regional law enforcement partners, training, information sharing and capacity-building to strengthen law enforcement and prevent people smuggling, human trafficking and related crimes.
 - 7.3 Emphasising the importance of New Zealand's work and commitments in relation to our role as co-chair of the Bali Process Disruption Working Group.
 - 7.4 Supporting the adoption of the 2023 Adelaide Strategy for Cooperation, which sets out a range of commitments and actions to address people smuggling, human trafficking and related issues in the region.
- 8 An intervention was made by New Zealand's Government and Business Forum representative, Gareth Marriott (Managing Director of OCS Australia and New Zealand). Gareth emphasised the importance of positive collaboration between Government and businesses to address these issues and highlighted this approach in relation to New Zealand's modern slavery reform.
- 9 Travel to Adelaide was also an opportunity to meet in person with the Australian Minister of Home Affairs. We discussed respective initiatives to address migrant worker exploitation and learnings from the success of New Zealand's recent reforms in this space.
- 10 Other engagement in the margins of the Plenaries included a range of Ministerial and stakeholder representatives, including Penny Wong (Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs and Bali Process Co-Chair) and Walk Free Foundation founders Andrew and Grace Forrest (key drivers of the Government and Business Forum).

Proactive release

- 11 My intention is to proactively release this paper in full.

Recommendation

12 I recommend that Cabinet **note** this report.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan

Associate Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety