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20 March 2020



Dear 



I refer to your request dated 22 February 2020, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), asking:

1. *Whether NZ was represented at the above-named conference [3rd Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety], held in Stockholm 19-20 Feb 2020 and if so by whom and in what capacity*
2. *Whether anybody from NZ provided input into formulating the Stockholm Declaration*
3. *Whether NZ endorsed the Stockholm Declaration at the conference?*

A response to your query is provided below.

1. *New Zealand representation at the conference*

New Zealand was represented at the 3rd Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety. Minister Genter, the Associate Minister of Transport, was invited but was unable to attend due to a prior engagement. However, given the significance of this event, she expressed support for transport officials to attend on her behalf.

The official New Zealand delegation was led by Kirstie Hewlett (Deputy Chief Executive, Ministry of Transport), and two transport officials –  (Principal Adviser – Mobility and Safety, Ministry of Transport) and  (Team Lead – Safe Road Use, Vehicles, Speeds, Roads and Roadsides, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency).

2. *New Zealand input into the Stockholm Declaration*

The Ministry of Transport, in consultation with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, provided feedback on a version of the Stockholm Declaration that was circulated to United Nations Member States in near-final draft form.

We noted in our feedback that we are broadly supportive of the intent of the Stockholm Declaration, particularly in recognising the shared responsibility of member states to move towards a world where no one is killed or seriously injured in road crashes. We also noted

our support of the Declaration's clear mandate for further actions to improve sustainable health outcomes, particularly through increased walking, cycling and public transport usage. Finally, we mentioned some of the key opportunities and challenges for achieving the Declaration's goals in relation to the proposed global target, speed management and vehicle safety standards.

3. *Endorsement of the Stockholm Declaration at the conference*

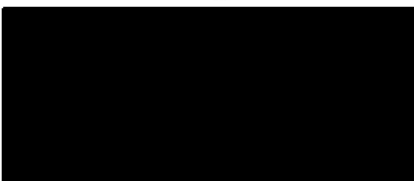
The Stockholm Declaration was announced at the conference, but conference delegates were not asked to endorse the document. We understand that the intention is for the Declaration to be presented to the United Nations General Assembly for endorsement.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to make a complaint to the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
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The Ministry publishes our OIA responses and the information contained in our reply to you will be published on the Ministry website. Before publishing we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

Yours sincerely



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