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Dear Lachlan Patterson

I refer to your email of 15 October 2019 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"Any documents relating to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas and New Zealand's vote on the declaration at the United Nations in 2018."

Attached are the documents relevant to your request. Some portions of the documents are withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

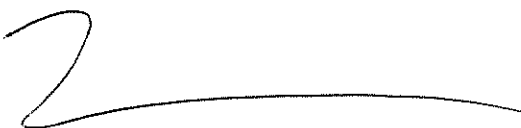
- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government;
- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy; and
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would be sufficient to override the reasons for withholding it.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details redacted) and enclosed documents may be published on the Ministry's website.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely



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for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade