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Tēnā koe Sean

**Official Information Act request: Hague Convention**

Thank you for your email of 12 October 2022 to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information concerning New Zealand's accession to Hague Convention of 2 July 2019 on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Civil or Commercial Matters (the Judgments Convention). Specifically, you requested:

*information on steps the government is taking to sign or accede to the Convention of 2 July 2019 on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Civil or Commercial Matters.*

On 14 October 2022, you were advised that your request had been transferred to the Ministry of Justice for response under section 14A of the Act as your request more closely relates to the Ministry of Justice.

New Zealand is not currently taking any steps to accede to the Judgments Convention due to other Government priorities.

In case it assists, we have provided the section of our 2020 briefing to officials attending the Hague Conference's Council of General Affairs meeting, which relates to the Judgments Convention. Some information is out of scope as it does not relate to whether New Zealand should accede to the Judgments Convention.

If you require any further information, please contact Ministry of Justice Media & Social Media Manager Joe Locke at [media@justice.govt.nz](mailto:media@justice.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with my response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. You can contact the Office of the Ombudsman by emailing: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Nāku noa, nā

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Encl: 2020 Hague Conference Council on Private International Law, Council of General Affairs and Policy 2020 Briefing for Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade