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Seen by Hon Tim Groser
Minister for Climate Change Issues

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Seen by Hon Simon Bridges
Associate Minister for Climate Change Issues

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9. **Other departments' Cabinet papers due to be considered this week**

International Climate Change Negotiations: **Doha Negotiating Mandate**

Lead Dept: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Director: Peter Brunt

Date to Committee: CBC, 29 Oct

This paper updates New Zealand's existing international climate change negotiating mandate ahead of the Doha climate change conference (26 November – 7 December). It lays the groundwork for decisions on whether New Zealand will take a second commitment under the Kyoto Protocol following the expiry of the first commitment period on 31 December 2012.

Our Advice: We actively contributed input to draft papers seen by the Minister and OEGI. We agree with the recommendations of the paper, including the decision to defer to March consideration of whether New Zealand takes a Convention Track target or a CP2 commitment, the level of mitigation ambition, and elaboration of the type of framework it will apply so an assessment of the Doha meeting's outcomes can be incorporated.

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