

Proactive Release

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Minute of Decision

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Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay – October 2024

Portfolio

Trade

On 9 December 2024, Cabinet **noted** the report from Hon Todd McClay under CAB-24-SUB-0479 on his travel, from 21 to 27 October 2024, to Brazil to attend the G20 Trade and Investment Working Group.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Office of the Minister for Trade

Chair, Cabinet

Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay – October 2024

I recommend that Cabinet note this report on my travel to Brazil from 21 October to 27 October 2024 in my capacity as Minister for Trade.

Report

- 1 The primary purpose of this travel was to attend the G20 Trade and Investment Ministerial Meeting (TIMM) where I attended as a guest, invited by this year's G20 President, Brazil. The theme for year was "Building a Just World and a Sustainable Planet".
- 2 As an invited guest, New Zealand has a limited role in the G20 sessions. The value for New Zealand participating as a guest country in the G20 therefore lies in the recognition of our international trade credentials through the invitation itself, and most importantly in leveraging the convening power of G20.
- 3 I provided a statement to the TIMM which outlined New Zealand's position on WTO reform, including our calls for outcomes on agricultural liberalisation and Fisheries II, and reforming the dispute settlement mechanism. I also highlighted New Zealand's work to improve access for women in international trade, including with the Global Trade and Gender Arrangement (GTAGA). The TIMM welcomed the adoption of the G20 Compendium of Best Practice to Increase Women's participation in International Trade, which New Zealand had submitted contributions to.
- 4 The convening power of the TIMM provided opportunities for me to engage with key G20 counterparts and guest countries both formally and informally. I engaged with counterparts in bilateral meetings and pull-asides, including with Brazil, India, the US, the UK, the EU, South Africa, Chile, Germany, the Netherlands, and the UAE.^{s6(a)}
- 5 Overall, my attendance at the G20 TIMM reinforced New Zealand's reputation as a country committed to the rules-based trading system and provided opportunities to advance issues of interest to New Zealand meeting with counterparts on the margins of the meeting.

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- 6 I propose to release this paper proactively in part.

Recommendation

7 I recommend that Cabinet note this report.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Todd McClay

Minister for Trade

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