



17 February 2022

Minister of Foreign Affairs

For approval by

21 February 2022

Russia/Ukraine: travel bans in response to a military incursion

BRIEFING Decision Submission

PURPOSE To seek your agreement to implement travel bans against designated Russian individuals in the event of a Russian military incursion in to Ukraine.

Tukunga tūtohua – Recommended referrals

Minister of Immigration	For concurrence by	21 February 2022
Prime Minister	For information by	21 February 2022
Minister Responsible for the NZSIS	For information by	21 February 2022
Minister of Defence	For information by	21 February 2022
Minister for Disarmament and Arms Control	For information by	21 February 2022
Minister Trade and Export Growth	For information by	21 February 2022
Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs	For information by	21 February 2022

Taipitopito whakapā – Contact details

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Pito matua – Key points

- Following the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's (MFAT) 14 February submission 'Russia/Ukraine: Aotearoa New Zealand Response Measures', Ministers agreed that officials should prioritise preparatory work to ensure the Government is able to implement travel bans quickly, and that officials should report back to Ministers as soon as this work is complete.
- In the event of a Russian military incursion to Ukraine, New Zealand is able to implement visa restrictions against targeted Russian individuals. New Zealand imposed travel bans on selected senior Russian officials as well as additional Ukrainian officials in 2014 in response to the invasion of Crimea and Russia-sponsored unrest in Eastern Ukraine. The proposed travel bans would be an expansion of the 2014 list.
- The Immigration Instruction used to implement that decision describes the ban as "**key individuals identified as being responsible for, or associated with, actions which undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine**".
- In the event of a Russian military incursion to Ukraine, officials seek agreement to apply travel bans on selected senior Russian officials and military officials responsible for undermining the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine and for facilitating Russian military action against Ukraine.
- MFAT officials are compiling the names of the individuals to be included. ^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)}

Once the list has been compiled, it will be shared with Immigration officials, who will immediately add warnings to their system. These warnings will raise alerts if any specified officials apply for a visa or otherwise seek to travel to New Zealand. Individuals may be added or removed from the list of travel bans as the situation develops.

- ^{s6(a)} it will be an important way (in lieu of sanctions) to show that we are standing in solidarity with our partners and with Ukraine and make New Zealand's position very clear to Russia.

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Rob Taylor
For Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Tūtohu – Recommendations

It is recommended that you:

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| 1 | Note that Ministers have agreed both that officials should prioritise preparatory work to ensure the Government is able to implement travel bans quickly, and that officials should report back to Ministers as soon as this work is complete; | Noted |
| 2 | Note that in the event of a Russian incursion to Ukraine, New Zealand is able to rapidly implement visa restrictions against targeted Russian individuals; | Noted |
| 3 | Note that officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade are compiling the names of the individuals ^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)} ; | Noted |
| 4 | ^{s6(b)(i)} | Yes / No |
| 5 | Agree that travel bans are imposed on the individuals on the list; | Yes / No |
| 6 | Note that once the list has been compiled, it will be shared with Immigration officials; | Noted |
| 7 | Agree that Immigration officials add warnings on their system for the individuals on the list. | Yes / No |
| 8 | Agree that individuals may be added or removed from the list as the situation develops. | Yes / No |

Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Minister of Foreign Affairs / Minita Take Aorere

Date: / /

Hon Kris Faafoi
Minister of Immigration

Date: / /

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