

## **Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure: Approval for Accession and Presentation to Parliament for Parliamentary Treaty Examination Proposal**

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These documents have been proactively released:

*27 October 2021, Cabinet paper: Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure: Approval for Accession and Presentation to Parliament for Parliamentary Treaty Examination Proposal*

*27 October 2021, Appendix Three: Domestic stocktake – relevant complaints-resolution mechanisms for children’s rights (as at September 2021)*

*27 October 2021, Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee Minute SWC-21-MIN-0162, Cabinet Office.*

*1 November 2021, Cabinet Minute CAB-21-MIN-0447, Cabinet Office.*

The Cabinet paper seeks Cabinet agreement for New Zealand to become party to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure (OPCP), and that the OPCP and the National Interest Analysis (NIA) be presented to the House of Representatives for Parliamentary treaty examination.

Appendices One and Two to the Cabinet paper are already publicly available:

Appendix One: Optional Protocols to the Children’s Convention can be found here:

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict:

[www.ohchr.org/en/professionalinterest/pages/opaccrc.aspx](http://www.ohchr.org/en/professionalinterest/pages/opaccrc.aspx)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography:

[www.ohchr.org/en/professionalinterest/pages/opsccrc.aspx](http://www.ohchr.org/en/professionalinterest/pages/opsccrc.aspx)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure: [www.ohchr.org/en/professionalinterest/pages/opicccrc.aspx](http://www.ohchr.org/en/professionalinterest/pages/opicccrc.aspx).

Appendix Two: National Interest Analysis (NIA) for the OPCP can be found here:

[Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure, together with the National Interest Analysis A.15A - New Zealand Parliament \(www.parliament.nz\)](http://www.parliament.nz)

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