



The Secretary of State presents his compliments to Their Excellencies and Mesdames and Messieurs the Chiefs of Mission of the governments concerned with the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction, which was done at Washington, London, and Moscow on April 10, 1972 (the "Convention"), and for which the United States of America is a depositary government.

In performance of depositary duties, the Secretary of State has the honor to inform the Chiefs of Mission that Niue deposited an instrument of accession to the Convention on June 14, 2018, and that the Central African Republic deposited an instrument of ratification of the Convention on September 25, 2018. The Chiefs of Mission are further informed that New Zealand deposited on October 9, 2018, a declaration relating to Niue's accession to the Convention. A copy of that declaration is enclosed.

The Secretary of State would be grateful if the Chiefs of Mission would forward this information to their respective governments.

Enclosure: As stated.

Department of State,

Washington, December 23, 2019.

**WHEREAS** the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction (the "Convention") was done at Washington, London and Moscow on 10 April 1972;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of New Zealand ratified the Convention on 13 December 1972;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of New Zealand's ratification of the Convention extended to Niue, as a territory for whose international relations the Government of New Zealand was responsible;

**AND WHEREAS** Niue is now a self-governing State in a relationship of free association with New Zealand, and possesses in its own right the capacity to enter into treaties and other international agreements with governments and regional and international organisations;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Niue acceded to the Convention in its own right on 14 June 2018.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Government of New Zealand **DECLARES** that, by reason of the accession to the Convention by the Government of Niue, it regards the Government of Niue as having succeeded to the obligations under the Convention of the Government of New Zealand in respect of the territory of Niue,

**AND FURTHER DECLARES** that, accordingly, as from the date of the accession to the Convention by the Government of Niue, the Government of New Zealand ceased to have State responsibility for the observance of the obligations under the Convention in respect of the territory of Niue.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have signed this Declaration and have affixed hereto the seal of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand at Wellington, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018.



Rt Hon Winston Peters  
Minister of Foreign Affairs