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To: Immigration New Zealand (INZ) and
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) staff

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Kosovo passport acceptable for travel to New Zealand

Please **READ** this information and ensure all staff members who may be affected are aware of what is required of them.

Purpose

1. The purpose of this Internal Administration Circular (IAC) is to advise that the Kosovo passport is acceptable for travel to New Zealand.

Background

2. The Republic of Kosovo announced its independence from Serbia in February 2008 and on 29 July 2008 commenced issuing passports. The Kosovo passport replaces the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) passport. These were introduced following the United Nations' intervention in 1999. UNMIK passports are no longer issued but remain valid until their expiry dates. All citizens of Kosovo living in Kosovo and abroad are entitled to hold a Kosovo passport.

Conclusion

3. The Kosovo passport meets the definition of a passport as specified under Section 2 of the Immigration Act. All Kosovo passports issued by the Republic of Kosovo, both standard and diplomatic, are considered acceptable travel documents and thus valid for travel to New Zealand if the holder meets immigration policy.