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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 3 June 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

Under the Official Information Act, please supply all briefings provided for, and all post activity reports arising from, New Zealand Defence Force attendance at working group and/or principals meetings of the Combined Communications-Electronics Board during May 2026.

The requested information is enclosed. Where indicated: capability and partner information is withheld under section 6(a) of the OIA; personal information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA; and, the name of the individual providing the advice is withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the OIA.

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Yours sincerely

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Enclosure:

1. Spectrum Advisor Minute 38/2026

HEADQUARTERS NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE
INFORMATION COMMAND

Spectrum Advisor MINUTE 38/2026

9 June 2026

D6-0100/5

COMINFO

s. 6(a)

POST ACTIVITY REPORT s. 6(a)

F2F MEETING 26-3

References

A. Travel Minute ICP #3273

Purpose

1. The purpose of this minute is to provide a Post Activity Report (PAR) s. 6(a) s. 6(a) from 28 Apr–1 May 2026, prior to the s. 6(a) 26-3 F2F meeting, s. 6(a) from 4–8 May 2026.

Executive Summary

2. The engagements confirmed strong alignment across Five Eyes (FVEY) partners on WRC-27 s. 6(a), while reinforcing the need to improve spectrum data interoperability, progress system modernisation efforts, and address workforce constraints that are impacting delivery.
3. There is clear momentum toward the adoption of standardised data formats, specifically SMADEF-XML and the Standard Spectrum Resource Format (SSRF), alongside the development of integrated spectrum management systems. This presents an opportunity for NZDF to align early, s. 6(a).

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s. 6(a) **F2F Meeting**

11. The s. 6(a) meeting focused on information sharing, progress against CCEB-directed tasks, and alignment of military positions on WRC-27 Agenda Items, while also addressing interoperability challenges and broader s. 6(a) issues.

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13. All nations reported ongoing workforce constraints, including staffing shortages and vacancies, which are impacting their ability to participate in international forums, conduct technical studies, and deliver key programmes, representing a shared challenge s. 6(a)

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16. Attendees s. 6(a) are shown in Table 1 below³:

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Conclusions

17. All FVEY nations are aligned on military positions for WRC-27, providing a strong foundation for coordinated international engagement s. 6(a)

18. Achieving spectrum data interoperability through adoption of common standards remains the primary technical challenge and is critical to improving information sharing across coalition partners.

19. Ongoing system modernisation programmes across NZDF, Australia, and the United States present a significant opportunity to embed interoperability by design, provided alignment is maintained. s. 6(a)

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20. For the NZDF, these outcomes reinforce the importance of aligning spectrum management systems, data standards, and processes with FVEY partners to ensure interoperability in coalition operations. Continued engagement in international forums, particularly those associated with WRC-27 preparation, will be critical s. 6(a) [REDACTED]. Additionally, workforce and resourcing pressures must be carefully managed to sustain participation, deliver system modernisation initiatives. 6(a) [REDACTED]

Recommendations

21. It is recommended that COMINFO:

- a. **Note** that the s. 6(a) [REDACTED] engagements achieved their intended aims and demonstrated strong alignment across FVEY partners.
- b. s. 6(a) [REDACTED]
- c. **Endorse** continued INFOCOM engagement s. 6(a) [REDACTED] to maintain alignment and influence.
- d. **Advocate** for sufficient resourcing to sustain NZDF participation in WRC-27 preparation, international engagement, and spectrum management system modernisation activities.
- e. **Support** the prioritisation of spectrum data interoperability initiatives, including alignment to emerging standards such as SMADEF-XML and SSRF.
- f. s. 6(a) [REDACTED]

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