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Kia Tutahi: An Accord between Government and Communities of Aotearoa

Portfolio: Community and Voluntary Sector

On 13 June 2011, following reference from the Cabinet Social Policy Committee, Cabinet:

- 1 **endorsed** the Kia Tutahi Community-Government Accord (the Accord) attached to the submission under SOC (11) 33;
- 2 **agreed** to a low-key formal signing of the Accord;
- 3 **agreed** that the Prime Minister and Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector sign the Accord;
- 4 **agreed** that, once approved by Cabinet and publicly available, the Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector seek support for the Accord from the heads of other political parties to obtain cross-party support;
- 5 **invited** responsible Ministers to:
 - 5.1 remind their departmental chief executives of the government's commitment to strong relationships with the non-profit sector and communities;
 - 5.2 encourage relevant Crown entities to adopt the Accord as a tool to strengthen their critical community relationships;
- 6 **noted** that the Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector will publish the submission under SOC (11) 33 and the Kia Tutahi *Standing Together* Steering Group's report on the Office of the Community and Voluntary Sector's website following consideration by Cabinet;
- 7 **agreed** that the Accord be translated into Te Reo Maori, New Zealand Sign Language, Pacific peoples' and other priority languages;
- 8 **noted** that legal advice confirms that the Accord presents no appreciable risk of litigation;
- 9 **noted** that the Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector will convene a small reference group comprising government and community members for one year to provide advice on giving effect to the Accord;

- 10 **noted** that the Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector, together with the reference group, will identify community organisations to champion the Accord;
- 11 **noted** that the Ministry of Social Development, the Ministry of Health, the Department of Internal Affairs, Sport and Recreation New Zealand, Te Puni Kokiri and the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs will work with the Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector to champion the Accord;
- 12 **directed** the Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector to report to the Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector by December 2012 on progress with government and community responsiveness to the Accord at the end of year one;
- 13 **agreed** that, following the 2012 report back, the Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector, in collaboration with community organisations, undertake triennial reviews to assess the Accord's impact;
- 14 **noted** that Local Government New Zealand has indicated that it will consider ways to encourage local authorities to adopt the Accord.

Secretary of the Cabinet

Reference: CAB (11) 314; SOC Min (11) 11/3; SOC (11) 33

Secretary's note: This minute supersedes SOC Min (11) 11/3. A Cabinet minute has been issued for this item from SOC for the information of all Ministers and Chief Executives and any follow-up action that may be required under paragraph 5.
