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Rarotonga.

Madam Speaker,

I have the honour to present the International Labour Organization (ILO) Ratification of Conventions 182 and 144.

I have the honour to be,

Ma'am

Anne Herman
Secretary of Internal Affairs

The **HON. V. MOKOROA**, Minister of Internal Affairs



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ILO Ratification of C. 182 and 144

As part of our International Labour Organization (ILO) membership obligations and activities, we hereby notify the honourable members of Parliament of our recent ratification of two new International Labour Organisation (ILO) Conventions:

- *Convention 182 Concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of Worst Forms of Child Labour the Worst forms of Child Labour.*
- *Convention 144 Concerning Tripartite Consultations to Promote the Implementation of the International Labour Standards.*

Until recently, 181 out of the 187 ILO member states had ratified Convention No. 182. Ratification by remaining six countries will create a historic milestone for the world as this will be the first ever global Convention to be ratified. By ratifying the Convention No.182, the Cook Islands joins the rest of the international community in sending a clear message domestically and internationally that children all over the world should be protected and rescued from the worst forms of child labour.

Convention No.144 encourages the application of a founding principle of the ILO by bringing together governments, employers and workers through tripartite social dialogue to develop, implement and promote international labour standards governing all aspects of the world of work. A total of 139 ILO member states have ratified Convention No.144, promoting a culture of dialogue between the tripartite actors, building trust and collaboration on social and labour policies, and creating effective national social dialogue and tripartite institutions to shape the future of work. By joining this effort, the Cook Islands, through its National Labour Advisory Board, ensures that the principle of tripartism is effectively implemented in our own domestic context.

Extensive consultations were carried out nationally and stakeholders from both the private and public sector were in support of this ratification process. Upon approval from Cabinet, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration presented the respective instruments of ratification to the ILO Headquarters on the 8 August 2018.

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