



**NEW ZEALAND**  
**Permanent Mission**  
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The New Zealand Permanent Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) and has the honour to inform that the delegation representing New Zealand at the 116th session taking place from 17 November to 5 December 2025 at Palais Wilson, Geneva, will comprise:

**Hon Paul Goldsmith**  
Minister of Justice (**Head of Delegation**)

**Mr Andrew KIBBLEWHITE**  
Secretary for Justice, Ministry of Justice

**Ms Anna JOHNSTON**  
Policy Manager, Human Rights, Ministry of Justice

**Mr Michael WHITE**  
Senior Policy Advisor, Human Rights, Ministry of Justice

**Mr Mike WEBB**  
Chief Assurance Officer, New Zealand Police

**Mr John WHAANGA**  
Deputy Director-General Māori Health, Ministry of Health

**Ms Grace SMIT**  
Deputy Secretary Regions, Te Puni Kokiri

**Mr John BROOKER**  
General Manager, System Connections and Early Learning Policy, Ministry of Education

**Her Excellency Ms Deborah GEELS**  
Ambassador, Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the United Nations Office at Geneva

**Ms Emma Hodder**  
Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the United Nations Office at Geneva;  
Head of Delegation

The New Zealand Permanent Mission to the United Nations takes this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination the assurances of its highest consideration.

New Zealand Permanent Mission to the United Nations  
Geneva

24 October 2025



