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Subject: Urgent assistance from the Minister of Justice / Re Harmon Wilfred

Importance: High

Dear Ms Adams,

Further to my email from yesterday (see below), I would like to pose some relevant issues in this regard that are directly related to your portfolio as Minister of Justice.

By banning my wife whom I dearly love from returning to New Zealand to “encourage” me to comply with their six year old deportation order, even though it is clear that I cannot leave or be deported as a stateless person; INZ is placing me in the impossible position that “if I ever want to see my wife again I MUST defy national migration laws and LEAVE New Zealand without any documented authorization to depart or arrive at any other international destination. Of course any such attempt to leave New Zealand without a legal travel document or arrive in another country without an entry visa would indeed be unlawful. As such, wouldn’t such a deportation order be considered unlawful and thereby unenforceable? If so, does the Justice Ministry have the authority to hold INZ accountable?

A more practical way of stating the problem is, “How can I be an unlawful overstayer subject to deportation if I cannot lawfully leave or be deported from New Zealand as a stateless person”?

After 20 months of forced separation from my wife, as my MP and Justice Minister, how would you suggest I be lawfully reunited with my wife, short of INZ and Internal Affairs normalizing my immigration status by issuing me citizenship under the authority of the NZ 1977 Citizenship Act, Para 9(1)(d)? This states that if I would otherwise be stateless I may apply directly to internal affairs for NZ citizenship. When I applied under the Act in 2011, IA refused to process my application because of the INZ deportation order! Catch 22! The Ombudsman has been “investigating” my complaint against this INZ obstructive deportation order for over three years with no response to date.

If Internal Affairs and INZ continue to block my application for citizenship under the ACT in order to avoid setting an unwanted precedent, may I suggest the solution may be to issue me residency with a stateless travel document as authorized under UN international treaty? I have also spoken to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees legal department in Canberra who are willing to offer their assistance (New Zealand is a member of the UNHCR), as this organization also oversees the treatment of stateless persons.

I am open to legal and practical suggestions and would appreciate the cooperation of the NZ Justice Ministry. I await your good advice.

Sincerely

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Subject: Harmon and Carolyn Wilfred - Urgent assistance and opportunity
Importance: High

Hello Sharon and Ms Adams,

I am following up on our last communication with your office on 1 July, 2016 regarding my stateless status as this relates to immigration's suspension of my wife Carolyn Dare Wilfred's Canadian Visitor Visa waiver without notice upon her return to Canada on 7 September, 2015. She has now completed her business in Canada and after 20 months of being forcibly, and now needlessly separated by NZIS, we have decided to apply once more for a visitor visa on now humanitarian grounds so that we can at least visit each other until my status can be normalised. My case is currently before the Ombudsman for this purpose.

Carolyn is currently residing in Germany from where her visitor visa application has been forwarded to INZ's London office to include a request to lift the INZ ban placed on her Canadian visitor visa waiver. Her application has been accompanied by the attached letter from David Ballantyne, her Christchurch lawyer which provides a detailed history of the issues at hand. Meanwhile, I remain stateless in New Zealand with no right to travel or work.

As you can imagine, this enforced and apparently excessive and cruel separation since 2015 is taking a terrible toll on the both of us. At 65 and 68 respectively, and very much in love, we are counting the minutes when we can be together again. Whereas we will never abandon our determined efforts to be reunited, we are prepared, should the NZ government deem it in the country's best interest, to

explore alternative solutions in our current attempts to gain a formal status that would allow us to realise our intentions to invest, settle and retire in New Zealand.

After having invested \$5 million in NZ thus far with potentially much more to come, there is much to gain for all parties, including toward our existing investment in the Prenzel Company, in Blenheim. As Carolyn is 50% partner with Prenzel with a plan of further critical investment, our good friend and principal, Hugh Steadman has also approached his Marlborough MP Stuart Smith for assistance on behalf of his national company and its local employees in the hope of encouraging a solution acceptable to all parties.

With the NZIS stance now spilling over into New Zealand's economic as well as humanitarian and political interests, we all believe these issues are worthy of Ms Adam's and Mr Smith's immediate assistance. Thank you for your prompt attention to this most distressing but potentially rewarding situation.

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