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Mr James Anaya  
 Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples  
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Dear Mr Anaya

In her absence from Geneva, I write on behalf of Ambassador Higgin in relation to your letter of 16 August concerning the views expressed to you by the Whanau a Mangakahia. Officials in Wellington have been discussing your request for information and are in the process of preparing a detailed response.

The issue of Whanau a Mangakahia is complicated, due to ongoing legal processes in New Zealand, as well as a need for the government to consult with the Hauraki Collective on any proposed response. Due to the complexity of the substantive issues that need to be addressed in the Government's response, and the developing domestic situation, we would therefore like to request a **three week extension** to the 60 day timeframe set out in your letter (until 5 November 2012).

We recognise that the issue of representation of smaller Maori groupings such as Whanau a Magakahia in the Treaty of Waitangi settlement process is one you specifically raised in your report on the Situation of Maori people in New Zealand. As such, please be assured that we are taking your request for information seriously and consider the extension necessary to ensure a thorough response is provided to you.

Yours sincerely

Brian Wilson  
 Chargé d'affaires a.i.