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Dear Reverend Borrie

Thank you for your email of 26 May inquiring about the timing of the next accreditation visit by New Zealand's Ambassador to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

The New Zealand Government took a decision to postpone a scheduled visit this month.

This reflects our grave concerns at the findings of an investigation by international experts into the fatal sinking of the Republic of Korean naval vessel, the *Cheonan*.

The conclusions reached by the inquiry constitute a serious and unprovoked challenge to peace and security on the Korean Peninsula. The DPRK leadership should be under no illusion as to the gravity with which the international community views this matter.

New Zealand continues to urge the DPRK to alter its course from military and nuclear weapons development to engaging earnestly and responsibly with the rest of the world.

It is my hope that they will heed this message and tensions on the Korean Peninsula will quickly return to a level that is conducive to a productive accreditation visit going ahead.

Yours sincerely

Hon Murray McCully  
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