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7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Sirs/Madam

**In the matter of: Religious and Political Asylum for;**

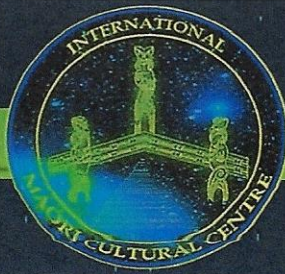
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**Date of Issue: 29 June 2014**  
**Date of Expiry: 28 June 2019**

**Re: Urgent request, Matter of Human Rights**

With respect I Chief Charles Hohepa, President of the International Maori Cultural Centre, Brussels Belgium and also Rangatira Te Mana Tino Rangatira (Sovereign Mandate) for and on behalf of Nga Rangatira o Te Wakaminenga o Nga Rangatira o nga Hapu do hereby impress upon the Prime Minister and her Executive Ministers including the Minister of Immigration Iain Lees-Galloway and Associate Minister of Immigration Kris Faafoi.







We, the Rangatira o Nga Hapu are concerned that the Associate Minister Kris Faafoi has not intervened, nor does he have any intention to intervene in the above-mentioned case. We have made further investigations and we are convinced that, Mr Dhamma Nanda Sraman is genuine in his concern for his safety.

**Major issue preventing intervention by the Minister**

This man's history is clouded because of an incident whereby he lied to immigration authorities in New Zealand. His situation was such that he was under extreme mental and physical strain whereby he feared for his safety and his fear was such that it drove him to make a mistake which is not characteristic of his normal behavior or that of his Buddhist religion. On arrival in New Zealand he had just left Bangladesh after some very serious attacks by the government agency people of Bangladesh. After having his house burnt to the ground, he and his father's place of business was also torched. Mr Dhamma Nanda Sraman became a refugee in his own country and had major problems. The reason for all the political animosity is his village is predominantly Buddhist. The government agencies wanted his land to build a religious place of worship because word had already gone throughout Bangladesh that when a government agency place of worship is built near a village, they use it for training and anti-Buddhist sentiment. The land is ancestral land and the family and people of the village did not want the land to fall into the wrong hands. Because the whole village feared for their safety and the safety of their young people.

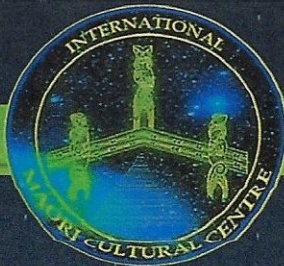
When Mr Dhamma Nanda Sraman went to Canada in 2000 he escaped the pressure and applied for refugee status in Canada. However, in 2003 his father became very ill and the family requested that Mr Dhamma Nanda Sraman return to Bangladesh. In 2006 the Canadian Government accepted his refugee status but unfortunately, in 2007 he was not in the country and therefore could not accept the refugee status in Canada. In 2008 his house and shop was burnt down, pressure became greater and his father died soon after, he then came to New Zealand and applied for refugee status. He was under extreme duress and when given the refugee application, the question was asked "have you applied for refugee status anywhere else?" and his answer was "No". The reason for this was that he'd already been confirmed in Canada but was not there to uplift the documents. He was in such turmoil that he thought he would be deported. Mr Dhamma Nanda Sraman acknowledges that he has done wrong and sincerely apologizes for it. We make the point that this was purely as a result of the political pressure in Bangladesh. Mr Dhamma Nanda Sraman has a good character despite the lie and his letters of attestation from Bangladesh concur with this point.

Currently he is a businessman, owning and operating a restaurant in Dargaville, Northland. The business is fully registered, and he has been paying taxes for the last four years, including business taxes for the last two years. We have spoken with his family in Bangladesh, who have conveyed their on the ground concern in Bangladesh for his safety, if he returns to his country of birth. The family has sent a letter outlining their concern, please see attached. We have also spoken to the Buddhist Monks from their temple in Bangladesh and have a letter from them confirming their concerns.

We the Rangatira o Te Wakameninga o Nga Rangatira o Nga Hapu (Confederation of Sovereign Hereditary Chief's), who have sat in council twice yearly since the signing of Te Wakaputanga and Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Te Tiriti o Waitangi), herewith insist that the servant government must take heed of this directive and provide sanctuary for Mr Dhamma Nanda Sraman in Aotearoa (NZ).







It is not only our considered opinion that because of the religious beliefs of Mr Dhamma Nanda Sraman consideration must be given because his country is not compatible with his religious beliefs. This can be proven also by letters from his family, his village and the Buddhist federation. Our opinion is supported by the regulations of any official organization worldwide responsible for such cases and also by multiple decisions of the UN for the rights of the minorities and their religious beliefs.

We the undersigned Rangatira and Kuia Rongonui hereby append our signatures on this 7th day of January 2019.



**Chief Charles Hohepa**

Te Mana Tino Rangatira (Sovereign Mandate)

President

International Maori Cultural Centre

*Dhamma Nanda Sraman*  
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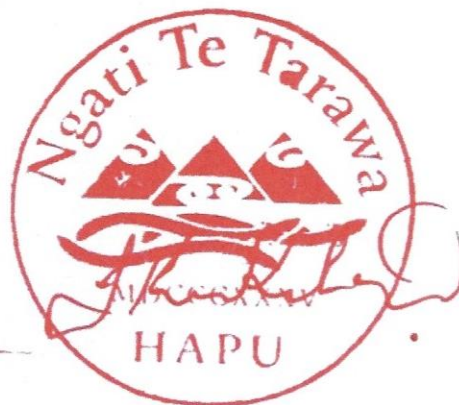
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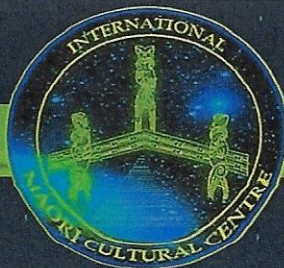
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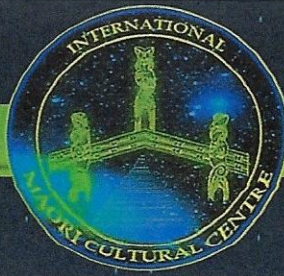




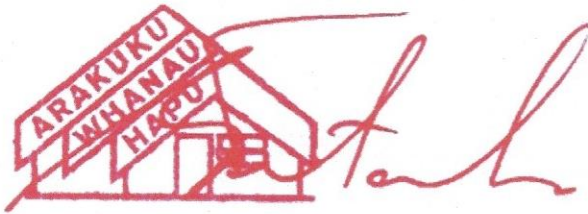












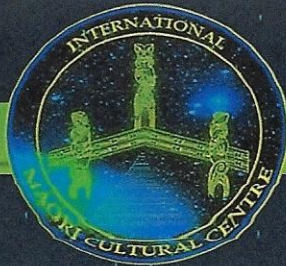








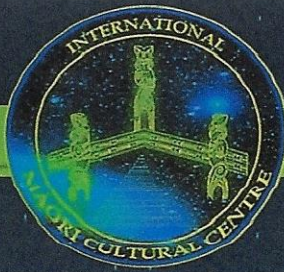




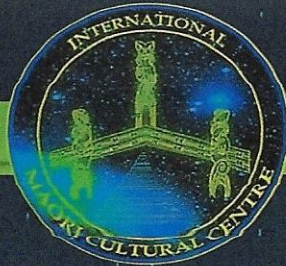












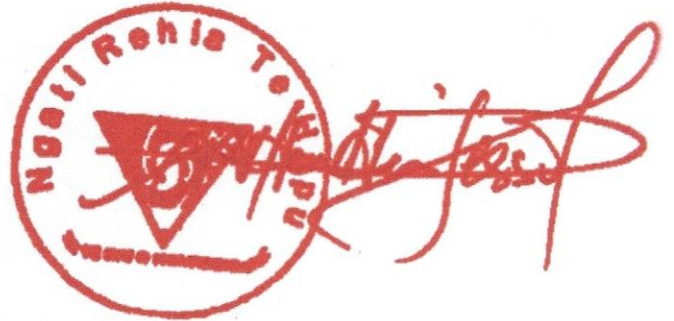




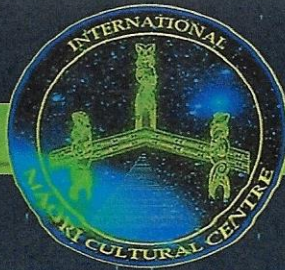












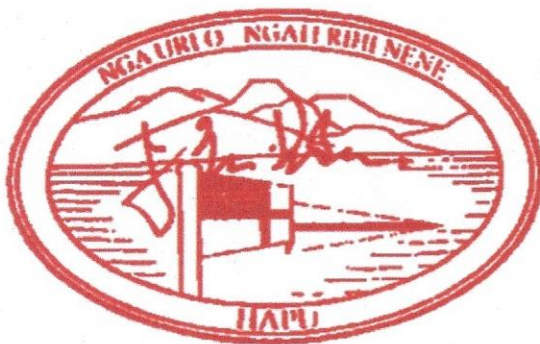
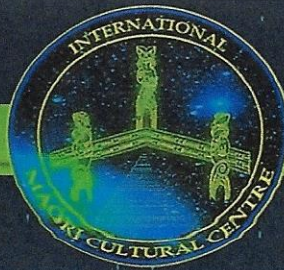




























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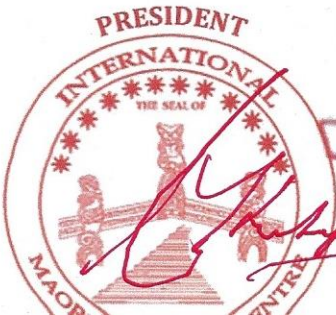
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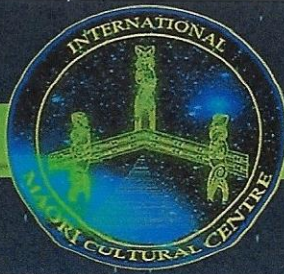
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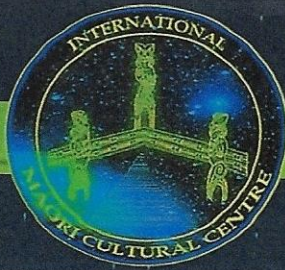
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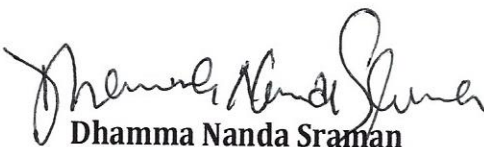
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