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Subject: Fw: NZ-Letter dated July 2, 2008 Re: Our request for Documentary Evidence  
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Dear Wendy,

I hope this finds you well and my congratulations too on your baby.

Regarding the correspondence below, please note that, as you pointed out, we could not change the proceedings of CoP14, as those have been adopted.

This said, the Philippines has since tried to register new species for Birds International, Inc. (see Notification to the Parties No. 2008/002), and some Parties have raised objections to this registration on the same grounds as those raised by New Zealand at CoP14. We therefore intend to write to these Parties to inform them that New Zealand has now confirmed that it had no record to substantiate the alleged links between Birds International, Inc. and the New Zealand smuggler that it had referred to at CoP14, as this might influence the position of those Parties.

We would welcome your thoughts on this, but please bear in mind that we intend to send such a communication very shortly as the deadline for withdrawing objections is drawing close.

Best regards,

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