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Mr. President,



We are also satisfied that issues of importance to New Zealand, including gender, human rights, and sea-level rise, are reflected in the Pact.

We all have our disappointments. For New Zealand, language on nuclear disarmament falls well short of our collective goal of a nuclear-weapon free world and how we take concrete steps to achieve this.

We would have also wished to have seen stronger language on the reform of the UN Security Council, although we do see some glimmers of hope.

New Zealand welcomes the Compact as an opportunity to foster an inclusive, open, safe, and secure digital future for everyone. This future rests on three essential pillars: human rights, multi-stakeholder governance, and inclusion.

And on the Declaration, New Zealand welcomes the concept that present generations act with responsibility toward safeguarding the needs and interests of future generations. We support the principles, commitments, and actions contained within the Declaration.

President, colleagues

As the geopolitical landscape continues to evolve, Member States must act with agency in protecting the UN Charter and international law, and in the implementation of the Pact for the Future.

And we must engage all stakeholders to ensure that what we do here at the United Nations has real world benefit for the communities we serve. We must work together, listen to each other, and rebuild trust to ensure the future we want for people and the planet.

Thank you.