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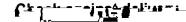
FOLLOW-UP TO THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, WITH A FOCUS ON FINANCING FOR GENDER EQUALITY

STATEMENT BY

THE NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE

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Tena koutou katoa He mihi ki nga tangata o nga hau e wha Kei te mihi ki a koutou

Mr Chair

New Zealand has on many occasions, reaffirmed the standards set out in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the Beijing Declaration, and at the International Conference on Population and Externally, our agency for international development, NZAID, is mandated to mainstream a gender perspective across its work. As well as gender mainstreaming, New Zealand considers it important to support initiatives that are specifically targeted at reducing gender disparities and empowering women.

as women should experience equality in all areas of their lives. New Zealand encourages all donors and development partners to commit to increasing financial resources in this area, and to priorities the implementation of the

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

Much of the focus of New Zealand's international aid work is in the Pacific Island region. As in other regions, the issues of gender equality in Pacific Islands are different from country to country and from community to community,

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