



Statement by

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Mr Chair

Please accept my warmest congratulations on your appointment and to assure you of the full support of the New Zealand Delegation. Mr Delegation



Opinions have differed regarding the point at which it is necessary to *start* the conversation regarding legally-effective measures. Opinions differ about whether legally-effective measures are best tackled piecemeal or comprehensively. But there can – or should not be – any question about whether a legally-binding instrument *is* needed to achieve the promise of mutual respect and equality.

At this turning-point in the life-span of our Treaty, it is time to reframe and widen the key issues under discussion here. It is time now to focus on specific

