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Mr President.

Fiji welcomes Minister Goldsmith and the delegation of Aotearoa New Zealand (Kiora) and commends the Government for its commitment to promoting and protecting human rights.

We applaud NZ’s commitment to a low-emission and climate resilient future by introducing a ‘Zero Carbon’ Framework into its climate change legislation, the establishment of the Climate Change Commission and the development of six-yearly climate change risk assessments and national adaptation plans.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, Fiji respectfully recommends as follows:

1. Strengthen efforts to guarantee inclusive participation, including women, children, persons with disabilities and indigenous and local communities, when developing and implementing climate change, disaster risk reduction and national adaptation plans.
2. Enhance support services for victims and survivors of gender-based violence and strengthen efforts towards raising awareness on the specific needs and vulnerabilities of women and children who are victims of gender-based violence.
3. Implement the recommendations in the latest concluding observations on New Zealand from the Committee against Torture, including by addressing the concerns about the increase in the number of persons being held in pretrial detention, as well as the concerns regarding arbitrary practices, which disproportionately affect Maori and Pasifika inmates and inmates with intellectual or psychosocial disabilities.

I thank you.

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