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He Waka Eke Noa Towards a Better Future, Together: New Zealand's Progress Towards the SDGs 2019

Introduction

- 0.1. The National Council of Women of New Zealand, Te Kaunihera Wahine o Aotearoa (NCWNZ) is an umbrella group representing over 200 organisations affiliated at either national level or to one of our 15 branches. In addition, about 450 people are individual members. Collectively our reach is over 450,000 with many of our membership organisations representing all genders. NCWNZ's vision is a gender equal New Zealand and research shows we will be better off socially and economically if we are gender equal. Through research, discussion and action, NCWNZ in partnership with others, seeks to realise its vision of gender equality because it is a basic human right.
- 0.2. This submission was prepared from responses received from several NCWNZ Standing Committees as it has not been possible to consult with all NCWNZ branches, individual members and member organisations within the timeframe for submissions.
- 0.3. The information below was submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade via an online feedback form limited to 2,000 characters.

1. Feedback

- 1.1. We would have preferred to start this engagement and have a plan on how to progress the goals and targets when the SDGs were first agreed. There has been limited opportunity for partners to engage meaningfully in meeting the targets and the kaupapa of the SDGs as would be consistent with SDG 17 [Partnership approach].
- 1.2. There is an apparent lack of a clear plan to implement the SDGs and this report content is high level/work-in-progress, but comparatively low in meaningful content that could be benchmarked for future reports to show real progress.
- 1.3. We note the Ministry has structured the report to only report under each SDG heading rather than noting progress on the individual targets. While meaningful quantitative performance metrics may be

problematic due to lack of benchmarks, data, timeframes, or challenges of attribution, the performance story should be based on evidence rather than promised things to come.

- 1.4. Organisations, government, businesses and civil society should be encouraged to include public reporting on websites. We recommend a template design to enable a common reporting framework. Government could help develop this in consultation with stakeholders.

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Pip Jamieson
NCWNZ Board

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Beryl Anderson
Parliamentary Watch Committee