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New Zealand statement

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Good morning Excellencies, distinguished delegates.

Thank you to the panellists for an informative discussion.

It is extremely useful for us in New York to hear how our policy decisions play out at the country level.

The focus of our work here should be on ensuring the UN is fit for purpose and delivers to the greatest extent possible in the field.

This has been the guiding principle behind New Zealand's support for empowered Resident Coordinators.

As Member States we have asked big changes of the UN Development System.

We must also look at our own actions to ensure we are supporting and encouraging this new, coordinated way of working.

In this regard, New Zealand is excited to announce a "next generation" approach to partnering with the UN in the Pacific.

Through the UN Pacific Partnership pilot New Zealand will invest \$24.7 million over two and a half years in development outcomes under the UN's Sustainable Development framework in the Pacific, the Pacific Strategy.

A new multi-partner trust fund has been established as the vehicle for the Partnership and this is open to other donors.

The Partnership's outcomes will be led by the Resident Coordinators, with four UN agencies jointly implementing a co-owned programme.

New Zealand will also invest in enhancing the coordination capacity of the Resident Coordinators in the Pacific.

We hope that this 'whole of UN approach' will foster a more coherent, integrated and coordinated UN system which will deliver better development impact in the Pacific.

With this approach in mind, New Zealand would welcome views from the panellists on how Member States can best assist the implementation of the reforms at the country level.

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