

Follow-up information on New Zealand's progress in addressing four recommendations from the Committee on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women.

Foreword

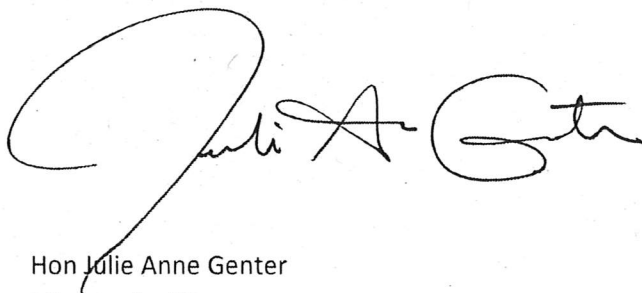
It is my pleasure to provide, on behalf of the New Zealand Government, follow-up information as requested in July 2018 by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (the Committee).

New Zealand is justifiably proud of its history of supporting the rights of women. Women have, and continue to play, an important role in the political, social and economic fabric of New Zealand. At the same time I am conscious that challenges for New Zealand women remain. New Zealand is committed to addressing these challenges to ensure all women have the opportunities they deserve to use their talents to benefit themselves, their families and the country.

In July 2018 my colleague Jan Logie was privileged to present to the Committee New Zealand's eighth periodic report on its implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

The UN Secretary General's recent policy brief on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on women and girls, showed that across every sphere, from health to the economy, security to social protection, the effects are worse for women and girls. With this in mind, ensuring that we continue on the path of progress towards achieving gender equality is more important now than ever.

New Zealand maintains its strong commitment to CEDAW and as such welcomes the opportunity to report on the progress being made to implement four recommendations made by the Committee in its concluding observations on New Zealand's eighth periodic report.



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