



New Zealand Intervention

**Agenda item 11 (f)(iv)
Implementing the Gender provisions of the
Treaty**

**Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
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Thank you President

New Zealand welcomes the report of the gender focal point in advance of this Meeting. We commend Chile on its work in this regard since the First Meeting of States Parties. This is important to the development and operation of the Treaty, and the achievement of its goals.

We are pleased to be a member of the first international treaty to acknowledge in its text the gendered nature of the impact of nuclear weapons, and to mandate gender-sensitive remediation provisions for nuclear harms.

We recognise the continued need to incorporate gender perspectives and gender sensitive approaches to respond to the negative impacts of nuclear weapons. We firmly support the full, equal, meaningful and effective participation and leadership of women in decision-making under the Treaty, as well as the incorporation of a gender perspective throughout the implementation of the Treaty. In our view, these are essential elements in the process to achieve the total elimination of nuclear weapons and the achievement of full nuclear disarmament.

That is why we support all of the Recommendations that have been put forward in this paper by the gender focal point, and re-confirm our ongoing commitment and cooperation with this work stream.

Thank you