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Recommendations from Combined Statement: Peace Movement Aotearoa et al¹

- **Constitutional and legislative framework:** New Zealand must ensure enforceable protection for Te Tiriti o Waitangi and enforceable protection for human rights - including economic, social and cultural rights - in its constitutional arrangements
- **Economic and social rights:** New Zealand must reverse legislative changes that negatively impact economic and social rights, including worker's rights, and there must be no further erosion of these rights through legislative or policy changes - children's health and well-being must be the priority in all legislative and policy changes
- **Human rights and climate change:** New Zealand must increase its efforts to reduce emissions to meet its Paris Agreement target, and must not resume oil and gas exploration
- **Right to health:** New Zealand must not repeal provisions of the smoke-free legislation
- **Indigenous Peoples' Rights:** New Zealand must progress, not further erode, the collective and individual rights of Māori
- **Persons with disabilities:** New Zealand must re-write the Accessibility for New Zealanders Bill through a genuine process of co-design with Deaf and disabled people and their representative organisations
- **Mass detention of migrants and asylum seekers:** New Zealand must not enact the 2023 Immigration (Mass Arrivals) Amendment Bill, and the 2013 Act must be repealed
- **Family violence:** New Zealand must urgently improve the Victims of Family Violence Visa regime to protect migrant women
- **Acceptance of international norms:** New Zealand must join all the international human rights instruments it is not yet a state party to
- **Voluntary pledge:** New Zealand must commit to real progress on all human rights

We also support the recommendations made by the Aotearoa Independent Monitoring Mechanism for the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Wairarapa Moana Incorporation and Wakatū Incorporation.

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