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Thank you for your email of 16 July 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

'We understand the above summit is to be held in September and would like to understand NZ's approach to the various items on the agenda. Is there any official information that may be shared the briefs the Minister or others in regard to the summit and NZ's proposed position?'

No information has been provided to the Minister of Foreign Affairs regarding the New Zealand government's approach to the Summit of the Future. Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist.

New Zealand supports the Summit of the Future, which we see as a valuable opportunity to ensure a more effective and efficient United Nations. Multilateral institutions need to evolve over time to meet contemporary challenges, and the New Zealand government is committed to improving multilateral institutions, including the United Nations, in order to achieve an international system that remains fit for purpose and supports New Zealand's needs.

Ahead of the Summit for the Future in September 2024, New Zealand is engaging in negotiations for the Pact for the Future. We are working closely with Australia and Canada in the negotiations and are focused on issues of key interest to New Zealanders and our Pacific neighbours. We are also engaged in the negotiations for a Global Digital Compact, which will outline shared principles for an open, free, and secure digital future for all, and is proposed to be annexed to the Pact of the Future.

A useful page outlining how civil society/NGOs can engage directly in the Summit for the Future process is publicly available via the following link: <https://www.un.org/en/summit-of-the-future/stakeholders>.

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If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade