

**New Zealand - 26 May 2021**

Dear Ambassador van den Ijssel and Ambassador Kanu,

Let me begin by offering my sincere apologies for not having met your deadline for submission of views. I very much appreciate the hard work you are undertaking as the Review Mechanism, and the opportunity to comment on the action plan.

In my reading of the recommendations of the IER, R371-380 fall within the mandate of the Review of the Procedure for the Nomination and Election of Judges. Of those, the IER identified R371-378 as priorities in Annex I of their report.

Subject to the views of states parties, I would suggest that R371-378 could be considered in the context of the Review of the Procedure for the Nomination and Election of Judges before the end of the second half of 2021 (before the next ASP).

I intend to convene a meeting of the Review in the next few weeks, with a view to obtaining the views of states parties on the programme of work for the Review for 2021, including the consideration of these recommendations.

Please let me know if you have questions or require any further information from me at this stage.