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Tena koutou, nga rangatira o Aotearoa.

We are here tonight to present the New Zealand delegation with our spinnaker, gifted to us by the Sir Peter Blake Trust. The spinnaker carries the messages of youth from across New Zealand to you, our leaders. These messages ask for strong action on climate by New Zealand to play our part in a global solution to this urgent problem.

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The New Zealand Youth Delegation want to see a climate-stable, prosperous, fair and regenerative world. Climate change is the biggest threat to that vision, and our future wellbeing. As youth we deserve the right to have influence over what will ultimately become our responsibility.

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In order to achieve this vision, we ask that you listen to the scientists and the evidence when considering the problem of climate change. We ask that you do this by committing to a 40% reduction target by 2020, 80% by 2050 and enacting policies that ensure this target is met domestically by gross reductions. This to reach a long term goal of 350ppm of global atmospheric CO2 equivalent.

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We ask that you acknowledge this as an opportunity not a crisis, and recognize that we have the technology and resources available to respond. We can have a low carbon future, with highly skilled and highly educated young people being the key to increasing innovation and productivity.

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For our Pacific neighbours, the NZYD supports the AOSIS declaration on climate change, as well as the Declarations from the Santa Domingo Caribbean and Pasifika Youth, and we urge you to adopt them

These small island nations are already facing serious environmental, economic and social consequences as a direct result of climate change including cultural extinction due to forced migration, increased propagation of disease, threats to their biodiversity, lack of food security and fresh water scarcity. It would be a great injustice to expect these nations, already living sustainable, subsistence lifestyles, to have to carry the burden of New Zealand's short fall.

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Finally, as young people we would like to see a nation wide education programme implemented to ensure that all New Zealanders understand climate change, its impacts and the available solutions. It is integral that communities

understand and can react to the changes that are occurring both as a result of climate change but also as a result of legislation and measures to mitigate climate change.

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The New Zealand Youth Delegation considers the current pace and magnitude of action as insufficient to take us on a path towards climate stability. Remember, our climate that we share, and the future of our lives are affected by your decisions. You have known about this all our lives, you cannot ask for more time. This is bigger than the next elections, this is our future.

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We need a legally binding agreement in Copenhagen.

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