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**Statement of High Commissioner Neeta Bhushan
regarding the visit of President of India Smt. Droupadi
Murmu to New Zealand on 7-9 August 2024**

High Commissioner Neeta Bhushan conveyed that this visit signifies the importance both countries attach to enhancing our bilateral relations. This visit would be a landmark occasion as it would provide an opportunity for both sides to discuss our growing ties across many sectors, especially education, culture and people to people links. This would only be the second visit from India at the level of Head of State. The last one being that of President Pranab Mukherjee in 2016. We have a large diaspora here in New Zealand and the visit of our President would be very special in that context as well.

(Wellington, 30 July 2024)