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The New Zealand High Commission presents its compliments to the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has the honour to refer to the Australian High Commission to New Zealand's Note No. 25/16, dated 16 April 2025, and the enclosed Interpretative Declaration from Australia's Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Pat Conroy, dated 19 March 2025, regarding the Agreement on Social Security between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand, done at Wellington on 8 December 2016 (the Agreement).

The New Zealand High Commission to Australia has the honour to confirm the Government of New Zealand approves of Australia's Interpretative Declaration in its entirety and considers it as an authoritative interpretation of Article 5(1) of the Agreement.

The New Zealand High Commission takes this opportunity to renew to the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade the assurances of its highest consideration.

New Zealand High Commission

CANBERRA

16 September 2025

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