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Dear Sir/ Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the New Zealand Government's Fifth Periodic Report to the United Nations (UN) Committee of the Rights of the Child.

This submission is on behalf of members of the Paediatric Society of New Zealand's Injury Special Interest Group. This group includes senior paediatricians, surgeons, public health practitioners, nurses, academics, epidemiologists and other child health practitioners. Group members are committed to ensuring children in New Zealand are free from injury.

Our submission (attached) focuses on Government Reporting on the Convention's declaration of children's right 'to be free from discrimination' (Article 2); injury (Article 19) and the 'protection of their right to preventative healthcare' (Article 24). We agree with the points made in the current document and strongly support Government's progress in these areas. However we note a deficit in the draft report.

This submission requests the Fifth Report also includes an improved description of work undertaken and yet to be done by the New Zealand Government to reduce the incidence of childhood injuries.

Yours faithfully

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