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**MESSAGE TO THE “NEXT SUMMIT AUCKLAND 2017:
INNOVATION, COOPERATION, SUSTAINABILITY”
Auckland, 27 November 2017**

It is a pleasure to greet the “Next Summit”. I thank the Oceania Silk Road Network for supporting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the world’s agreed blueprint for building a future of peace and prosperity for all on a healthy planet.

There are clear synergies between the 2030 Agenda and the Belt and Road Initiative that has spurred your efforts. Both frameworks strive to stitch countries together in networks of trade and mutual gain; both aim to deepen global connectivity.

I also welcome your focus on innovation, which will continue to be at the centre of human progress. Our shared challenge is to harness knowledge for the benefit for all, while safeguarding against the unintended consequences of technological advances, from cybersecurity threats to disruptions in labour markets and the fabric of society.

The United Nations looks forward to working with all partners in achieving sustainable and inclusive development, combating climate change, and fulfilling our shared commitment to leave no one behind. Please accept my best wishes for the success of your work.