

NEW ZEALAND-U.S. RELATIONS IN THE TRUMP ERA AND BEYOND

Professor Robert G. Patman | University of Otago | robert.patman@otago.ac.nz

Policy brief no. 1 | June 3,



possibility of improving ties with a Trump administration without compromising New Zealand's interests and values in the process.

NZ-US Relations





In the circumstances, it makes sense for the New Zealand to pursue a two-track policy approach towards the Trump administration. On the one hand, Wellington could vigorously uphold its support for its core foreign policy goals. Having recently completed a high-profile two-year stint on the UNSC, it is important that New Zealand does not back off the foreign policy commitments it made there simply to appease the Trump administration. On the other hand, New Zealand should make it very clear that it wants a warm and cooperative relationship with Washington, and is prepared work hard to achieve that where there is common ground between the two sides.

Conclusion

While New Zealand government and the Trump administration differ in their views of the changing global order, it is entirely possible for Wellington to maintain friendly ties with Washington while frankly

