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Statement

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**Statement on behalf of
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Thank you Chair.

I take the floor on behalf of the Major Group for Children and Youth.

Madam Chair, children and youth emphasize that coordinated and inclusive action is essential to deliver social justice commitments made at the Second World Summit for Social Development. Young people are disproportionately affected by intersecting inequalities linked to gender, age, disability, income, and migration status. Addressing these inequalities, and ensuring truly person-centred social support, will require integrated multi-sectoral responses across education, health, decent work, housing, among many others.

Madam Chair, from the perspective of children and youth, please allow me to highlight three strategic imperatives on meaningfully integrating young people in social development policy:



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First, Just meters from this Conference Room, the Fourth Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the UN Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation is taking place. We firmly believe that coordinated public financing plays a critical role to sustain momentum in initiating and implementing effective responses to these issues, this includes a fair, just, and transparent tax system and effective domestic public resource mobilisation. Fragmented policies and financing risk undermining access to essential services and decent employment opportunities for young people, especially in times of economic turmoil.

Second, we urge Member States to meaningfully integrate children and youth in all their diversity in the design, monitoring and evaluation processes of social development policies. This is crucial to ensure that rightsholder voices inform decisions on education, health, social protection, and decent work. This ensures that policies work for the people, not in the reverse. This integration must also be expanded to general strengthening



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of multistakeholder collaboration and partnerships between stakeholders, rightsholders, and governments in order to allow the co-creation and co-implementation of social development policy.

Finally, we urge the collection of comprehensive and disaggregated data in regards to age, gender and other characteristics to facilitate the identification of gaps in access, understand differential impacts on communities, and to mobilize data to design responsive and effective social policy.

Distinguished Colleagues, Excellencies, this Commission is meeting today at a decisive moment. The Commitments reaffirmed in Doha must now be translated to effective policy that can deliver social justice in the daily lives of all people.

I thank you.