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Intervention

Unlocking means of implementation: Mobilizing financing and STI for the SDGs

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My name is Jaewon Choi, I serve as the Executive Director of the DMUN Foundation and thematic focal point for tax at the Major Group for Children and Youth.

I am 16 years old.

History is being made this week as more than 300 children and youth participate in HLPF, facilitated through MGCY, and organize over 30 youth-led side events. We call upon you to listen to the voices of children and youth.

Chair, 11 days have passed since FfD4.

First, we demand an open and inclusive participation on FfD implementation. The youth constituency organised a global youth forum in Seville. We however express our concern that FfD4 remained inaccessible for youths under the age of 18.



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We call upon all member states to adhere with principles of intergenerational equity and Convention on the Rights of the Child and for all future high level meetings to be open to children.

Second, over 3 trillion dollars were spent last year into defence, war and conflict instead of climate, peace and leaving no one behind. Children and youth say: This is unacceptable.

Third, we call for shifting economic systems towards equity and accountability and establishment of a UN framework convention on debt.

Fourth, the FfD youth constituency must be included in the inter-agency FfD task force, which currently has no youth voice, and in boards of MDBs.

Finally, we call for institutional support for the work of the UN Framework Convention on Tax, to bring tax justice for all and to eliminate illicit financial flows.

On Science Policy Interface, we call for:

Enhancing formal youth constituency participation in science and technology governance, including youth seats at the SG's Advisory Body on AI and the 10-Member Group for TFM.

Initiating of a youth-led youth track towards the implementation of the Global Digital Compact

Distinguished colleagues, young people demand more than just solidarity. We need decisive, inclusive, and urgent action.

People Power. Power in Youth. Power in Children.

We thank you.