

Joint Statement: Children and Youth International (Major Group for Children and Youth) - DMUN Foundation - DMUN Foundation Inc

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Thank you Chair.

This is a joint statement delivered on behalf of the Major Group for Children and Youth.

My name is Jaewon Choi, and I serve as the Thematic Focal Point for Tax for the FfD Children and Youth Constituency of the Major Group for Children and Youth.

MGCY serves as a designated self-led youth constituency for young people engaging in over 50 intergovernmental and more than 200 multi-stakeholder processes, with a membership of over 20,000 youth organisations—across the UN system on topics ranging from climate change, humanitarian affairs, human rights to migration.

Chair, as this is our first statement, allows us to make some overall comments.

First, we express our concern that yesterday's afternoon general discussions segment was abruptly cancelled. The valuable opportunity for specially accredited organizations to participate were taken away, as the organizations were not able to receive badges yesterday.

Second, we call upon states to build a convention that is inclusive. For the commitment of sustainable development, especially in all social dimensions—we call on the Committee to directly include children and youth—not as beneficiaries of domestic public resource mobilization but as key rightholders and decision-makers that shape relevant national and international policy.

Third, we call upon states to create a dispute prevention and resolution mechanism for tax disputes that effectively represents all taxpayers. This includes marginalized groups like rural communities and young entrepreneurs that often do not have adequate information or resources to access any relevant mechanisms to resolve tax disputes.

Lastly, building on the successful models like the HLPF and FfD-4, we request that stakeholders are allowed to intervene actively during the discussions, interspersed with member states, rather than at the end.

Distinguished colleagues, Mr. Chair, children and youth remain committed to bringing active and valuable contributions to this Committee.

Yet, if we do not have a seat at the actual table, our contributions cannot bring the value we promise.

We thank you.