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Your Excellencies, Distinguished Colleagues,

My name is Alexa Dominique, and I am from New York. I take the floor on behalf of the Financing for Development Children and Youth Constituency of the Major Group for Children and Youth.

I would like to express our deepest appreciation to the Moderator and panelists for this segment, along with all other speakers we have heard this afternoon.

We welcome the introductory remarks highlighting the essential role of enforcement capacities in ensuring that transparency and data exchange translate into tangible outcomes.



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As this segment examines how enforcement capacities and innovation in the use of information and data can be strengthened, children and youth would like to offer three reflections.

First, experience across countries around the world suggests that access to data alone does not automatically translate into effective investigations or prosecutions. Turning information into actionable outcomes requires adequately resourced institutions, skilled personnel, and clear legal frameworks. From a youth perspective, capacity strengthening is therefore most effective when it takes a comprehensive approach, encompassing analytical capabilities, institutional coordination, and judicial readiness.



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Second, we recognize the strong potential of digital and AI-enabled tools—such as advanced analytics, asset tracing, and digital forensics—to strengthen investigative and enforcement outcomes. To be effective, these innovations must be supported by inclusive access, skills transfer, appropriate safeguards, and context-specific implementation, supported through responsible use and peer learning.

Third, we emphasize the value of integrated approaches across tax administrations, financial intelligence units, customs authorities, anti-corruption bodies, and law enforcement. Improved interoperability and interagency coordination can enhance the effective use of data while reducing duplication. At the international level, closer alignment among standard-setting bodies and international organizations is essential to ensure that capacity-building efforts are coherent, demand-driven, and sustained.



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Mr. President, Excellencies, children and youth highlight that enforcement is the bridge between transparency commitments and tangible impact.

We must strengthen capacities, responsibly harness innovation, and foster coordinated approaches to addressing illicit financial flows in ways that advance equity and intergenerational fairness.

We thank you.