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Statement

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(Children and Youth International)

**Statement on behalf of
Major Group for Children and Youth
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Thank you.

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

Mr. Vice President, children and youth welcome the organisation of this meeting as one of the first mandated events after FfD-4.

Yet, we express deep concern that weak fiscal transparency standards have led to the compromisation of social services for the most vulnerable, widened socioeconomic inequality, and reduced public trust in institutions.

We highlight our three priorities on financial integrity:



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First, we believe that fiscal transparency must be reciprocal, equitable, and universal. Access to accurate information and data remains deeply asymmetric, with such transparency being easiest for the most well-resourced jurisdictions and hardest for LDCs, LLDCs, and SIDS. We call for a fair system that makes data usable for all competent authorities, especially through mutual administrative assistance and exchange of information through multilateral frameworks such as the UN Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation.

Second, we call for the equitable, multistakeholder governance of global transparency and data-sharing standards. We call for institutionalized participation of stakeholders in the creation and modification of relevant local, national, and multilateral policy, including the right to participate in meetings, deliver written and spoken interventions, and the right to access timely documentation.



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Finally, we call for a rights-based stance on expanded data sharing, providing special attention to the protection of marginalized groups such as children and youth. Human rights impact assessments in data sharing must be the standard. We also urge robust provisions of safeguards for young activists and youth organizations.

Distinguished Colleagues, Excellencies, the choice that we have today is between clinging to an architecture of exploitation or co-creating an architecture of equitable regeneration.

Children and youth call for coordinated, rights-based, inclusive policy that can effectively combat illicit financial flow, tax abuse, and systemic inequalities, securing the right of the future generations to access a just, equitable, and effective international financial architecture.



We thank you.

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