



The Official Outcome Document of the First Youth Delegate Summit
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Budapest Youth Delegate Memorandum
on the framework of co-operation between United Nations Youth Delegates

THE FIRST YOUTH DELEGATE SUMMIT CONVENED IN BUDAPEST ON 27-29 NOVEMBER 2016,

Recognising the crucial role of youth in decision-making processes and in facilitating the realisation and promotion of sustainable development, peace and security,

Bearing in mind the importance of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (General Assembly resolution 70/1) and the complementary role of youth in the process of its implementation,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 36/17 on the Channels of Communication Between the United Nations and Youth and Youth Organizations, the World Programme of Action for Youth (General Assembly resolution 50/81), as well as subsequent General Assembly resolutions 52/83, 54/120, 56/117, 58/133, 59/148, 60/2 and 62/126, which “[invite] Member States to include, whenever possible, youth representatives in their delegations to the General Assembly and other meetings of relevant United Nations bodies”,

Further recalling General Assembly resolution 64/130, which “[u]rges Member States to consider including youth representatives in their delegations at all relevant discussions in the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and its functional commissions and relevant United Nations conferences, as appropriate, bearing in mind the principles of gender balance and non-discrimination, and emphasizes that such youth representatives should be selected through a transparent process that ensures that they have a suitable mandate to represent young people in their countries”,

Reaffirming the importance of General Assembly resolution 66/121, which encouraged Member States “to consider establishing a national youth delegate programme”,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 70/127, which reaffirmed the above-quoted statement of the General Assembly resolution 64/130 and officially used the term “youth delegate” for the first time,

Reaffirming the role of the Security Council resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security in bringing recognition and legitimacy to the role and efforts of youth in peace-building processes,

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Recognising the necessity of promoting and facilitating coordination between Youth Delegates to the United Nations (henceforth called “Youth Delegates”), as well as ensuring the continuity of national United Nations Youth Delegate Programmes (henceforth called “Youth Delegate Programmes”) in and across Member States of the United Nations (henceforth called “Member States”),

Noting that those Member States currently having an operational Youth Delegate Programme will be referred to as ‘participating Member States’ in this document,

Expressing its appreciation to the World Federation of United Nations Associations and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs for promoting the establishment of Youth Delegate Programmes,

Welcoming the efforts of civil society organisations to promote, administer and manage Youth Delegate Programmes,

Further welcoming the efforts of governments in participating Member States to facilitate the implementation of Youth Delegate Programmes and to include Youth Delegates in the work of their respective Permanent Missions to the United Nations, thereby deepening the relations between the government and youth, and widening the public participatory channels in decision-making,

Stressing the value-creating potential of Youth Delegate Programmes and the need for the establishment and sustained strengthening of such programmes within and across Member States,

1. *Affirms* that lasting means of cooperation must be established between Youth Delegates;
2. *Recommends* the creation of the following common functions as lasting means of cooperation:
 - a. Internal communications services, specified in the Annex,
 - b. External communications services, specified in the Annex,
 - c. Project coordination services for common initiatives, specified in the Annex;
3. *Further recommends* that for each above-mentioned common function at least one Youth Delegate takes responsibility, elected for a year in an inclusive process taking place before the commencement of the annual session of the Third Committee of the United Nations General Assembly;
4. *Supports* that Youth Delegates work together on common initiatives, by that means strengthening cooperation and contributing to a positive and meaningful impact of Youth Delegate Programmes on the local, national, regional and global level;
5. *Recommends* that Youth Delegates actively reaffirm their commitment to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by working on relevant common initiatives;
6. *Recommends also* that comprehensive training and mentoring for Youth Delegate designates takes place within an appropriate timeframe following the selection process to allow them to confidently assume responsibilities of their mandate and ensure the effective continuity of Youth Delegate Programmes;

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7. *Suggests* the foundation of a United Nations Youth Delegate Alumni network, reuniting members from all national Alumni networks, to foster communication and cooperation between past and current generations of Youth Delegates;
8. *Recommends* that Youth Delegates always strive to maintain strong ties with the Secretariat of the United Nations and send an open letter to the Secretary-General of the United Nations to lay foundations for future collaboration and to outline the priorities represented by Youth Delegates;
9. *Encourages* the establishment of constructive partnership between specialised agencies of the United Nations and Youth Delegates;
10. *Recommends* entities that select and support Youth Delegates to continue to provide adequate and sustainable organisational, financial and technical assistance for the activities associated with Youth Delegates and the effective fulfilment of their mandates;
11. *Urges* participating Member States to ensure continuous and sustainable operation of their respective Youth Delegate Programmes;
12. *Invites* participating Member States to strengthen their respective Youth Delegate Programmes by expanding the mandate of Youth Delegates, in accordance with the suggestions laid out in the Annex;
13. *Calls upon* participating Member States that have separate Youth Delegates for discussions in the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and its functional commissions and relevant United Nations conferences to facilitate communication and coordination between those delegates;
14. *Encourages* participating Member States to publicly endorse and promote Youth Delegate Programmes and the establishment of such programmes on the national and the international level in official, as well as unofficial communication;
15. *Further encourages* participating Member States to offer assistance for the establishment of new Youth Delegate Programmes in Member States in cooperation with Youth Delegates, following the guidelines included in the Annex;
16. *Urges* Member States to include youth delegates in their delegations at all relevant discussions in the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and its functional commissions and relevant United Nations conferences, as appropriate, bearing in mind the principles of gender balance and non-discrimination, and emphasises that such youth representatives should be selected through a transparent process that ensures that they have a suitable mandate to represent young people in their countries;
17. *Decides* that the Annex is drafted and determined after the Summit in an inclusive and open process involving Youth Delegates;
18. *Urges* to continue convening Youth Delegate Summits on an annual basis in order to strengthen cooperation between Youth Delegates.