

Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished Delegates,

The youth caucus, stand before you today, representing the children and youth of the world. Today, young people account for 50% of the Earth's population, today we are inheriting an ailing world we did not contribute to shaping.

We believe that intergenerational forums, such as the CSD, are powerful examples of integrated models. The success of which is based on the unity of mind and action of the major groups.

If armed with education and technology, today's young people hold the key to contributing substantially to an intergenerational dialogue on sustainable development. Whereas members of the youth caucus have been privileged with such things, 9.17% of the world's children do not complete even primary school.

If the very people who are most affected by decisions of policy makers are ignored, no conclusions drawn from this year's review process can be of any practical use.

Youth and children are the social conscience of the world.

We are here, and we are ready to work together.