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We have to live dangerously. We must transcend and live dangerously.

To the men and women

Excellencies, most distinguished delegates, fellow youth, and most importantly, friends.

I am Carlos Olivera, also known as Charlie, and I come from the illustrious city of Santa Cruz, in one of the most beautiful and multicultural countries of the world, Bolivia. I have three very important messages to deliver to all of you this morning.

To begin with, these last few days I have had the privilege of representing youth from my country and from all 32 landlocked developing countries. It was an incredible experience, and this was the first time the UN has actually featured a dedicated youth forum that allowed us to empower youth from all of our countries.

I also have to say that we have managed to bring with us our stories, our experiences, and our solutions. From digital innovation to decent work and inclusive governance, we have made our voices heard. And it was incredible. And that, my most distinguished audience, leads me to the second point that I want to touch this morning.

We have had incredible experiences and adventures here in Awaza, in the city, and everywhere. And we live behind lots of memories, lots of incredible things that we've done together. But we also live behind a youth declaration with a call to action in five different areas that I want to highlight for all of you guys this morning:

First of all, equitable access to quality education and digital skills, investment in youth-led enterprises and decent jobs, youth participation in climate resilience and grain transitions, full inclusion in decision making at all levels. And support – support for young people as drivers, not just recipients of development. Because that's what we are. We are drivers

We're drivers of change, drivers of excellence, drivers of transcendence.

And that leads me, thank you.

And that leads me to the third point that I want to mention this morning: And that third point, as I told you before, is that we have to live dangerously. But, what is said to live dangerously? Does it mean that we have to fight against each other? Does it mean that we have to start with barriers for commerce, for development, for innovation, for youth?

Of course, it doesn't. To live dangerously means taking our ideas to places they have never been taken to. To live dangerously means to do things that have never been done before and to take our love, to take our empathy, to take our energy, our innovation to those areas that people have never thought of before. That is to live dangerously.

That is what we do every single day in the landlock developing countries as youth and participants.

So, I invite you to live with all of us always in danger and most importantly to transcend.

Thank you very much.