

**DRAFT RESOLUTION**  
**Establishment of the United Nations Youth Office**

**Youth Mark-Up (Tuesday 9 August)**

Green text = retain language.

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~~Strikethrough text~~ = remove language.

*The General Assembly,*

PP1 *Reaffirming* the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations **and the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights,**

PP2 *Reaffirming* the importance of the timely implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 and reiterating the commitment to provide **all** youth, **in all their diversity,** with a nurturing environment for the full realization of their **human** rights, **their meaningful participation and leadership in decision-making,** and capabilities and helping our countries to reap the demographic dividend,

PP2bis *Recalling* the World Programme of Action for Youth, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolutions [50/81](#) of 14 December 1995 and [62/126](#) of 18 December 2007, **(former PP6)**

PP3 *Recalling* the [declaration](#) on the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, adopted in September 2020, and reiterating the commitments of Heads of State and Government representing the peoples of the world in the declaration, in particular, those related to **collaborating with,** listening to, **learning from,** and working with youth, **in all their diversity, having meaningful engagement with them, and strengthening the work on youth issues at the United Nations,**

PP4 *Recalling also* its resolution [76/6](#) of 15 November 2021 on the follow up to the report of the Secretary-General entitled “[Our Common Agenda](#)”, and acknowledging the proposal of the Secretary-General to establish a dedicated United Nations Youth Office in the Secretariat to ensure that the voices of youth, **in all their diversity,** are more systematically integrated across the United Nations system **(PP4 after merging former PP9),**

PP5 **Recalling its resolution 76/137 of 16 December 2021 on policies and programmes involving youth,** *Underlining* the important role that youth **in all their diversity, and youth** organizations play ~~and can play~~ in the promotion of peace and security, **democracy, gender**

**equality**, sustainable development and human rights and the importance of the full, effective, constructive, ~~and~~ inclusive **and meaningful** participation of youth in decision-making,

PP6 *Reaffirming* the importance of **meaningfully** involving youth, youth-led and youth-focused organizations, **movements and networks**, in the work of the United Nations at the national, regional and international levels in all matters ~~of concern to them~~, including in the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

PP6bis *Reaffirming* the importance of a balanced composition of the United Nations workforce from an age perspective, especially by ~~ensuring~~ **increasing** youth representation taking into consideration equitable geographical distribution, **lived experience** and gender balance, and that this **diverse** representation ~~should~~ **be embraced and centered** in decision-making to strengthen the performance of the organization,

PP7 *Recognizing* **Welcoming** the work of the Envoys of the Secretary-General on Youth in addressing the needs of and placing young people as a cross-cutting priority of the United Nations, ensuring that their perspectives are reflected across the United Nations work, as well as, ~~inter alia,~~ ~~as a harmonizer~~ with different United Nations entities, Governments and their youth delegates, civil society, youth organizations, academia and media towards enhancing, empowering and strengthening young people within and outside the United Nations system,

1. *Decides* to establish the United Nations Youth Office as a dedicated office in the United Nations Secretariat integrating **and consolidating the existing mandates and functions of the** Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth.
2. *Emphasizes* the importance of ensuring that the Office is provided with sufficient **flexible, accessible and sustainable** financial and human resources, with due regard to age, **diversity**, gender balance and wide geographical representation, and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, through its Fifth Committee, during the seventy-seventh session, a detailed proposal on the operational functions, structure, resources, **objectives** and staffing **and youth engagement strategy** of the Office with funding from the regular budget of the United Nations.
3. *Decides* further that the Office shall be led by a ~~suitably qualified~~ **young** person, preferably under the age of ~~30~~5 years, with a demonstrated commitment to youth issues, who shall be **transparently** appointed by the Secretary-General, in accordance with Article 101 of the United Nations Charter, **together with young people** with due regard to gender balance, **diversity, lived experience** and rotating geographical representation, **prioritizing young persons facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, and communities discriminated on work and descent,**

OP3bis *Affirms* the role of the General Assembly to provide policy guidance on the mandate of the Office.

4. *Decides* that the United Nations Youth Office will:

- a) Lead engagement and coordinate advocacy, at all levels, to advance the full realization of young persons' human rights, ~~for the advancement of youth issues~~ and priorities across the United Nations, in the areas of, inter alia, peace and security, sustainable development, democracy, gender equality, climate change, and human rights;
- b) Promote support, resource and institutionalize the full, meaningful, inclusive, substantive and effective engagement leadership and participation of youth, in all their diversity, youth-led and youth-focused organizations, movements and networks in the work of the United Nations, working in close collaboration and partnership across the United Nations system and the wider youth movement.
- c) ~~Encourage~~ Ensure greater United Nations system-wide collaboration, coordination and accountability on the advancement of youth issues, including United Nations support to Member States, and United Nations entities ~~as appropriate and upon their request~~, in promoting the full, effective, inclusive, substantive and meaningful engagement, participation and leadership and empowerment of youth in all their diversity;
- d) ~~Encourage~~ Commit to the identification appointment of focal points for ~~on~~ youth ~~within existing resources~~, across the UN system and in UN country teams, and in UN Youth Office regional and country teams;
- e) Engage with youth-focused envoys, representatives and offices of international, regional and national organizations on advancing youth issues;
- f) Propose innovative approaches to advance multi-stakeholder initiatives, led with youth, in all their diversity, on the engagement, participation, leadership and empowerment of youth, in all their diversity, for the consideration of Member States;
- g) Promote and facilitate intergenerational and intercultural dialogue, collaboration and solidarity;
- h) Support and resource efforts to enhance youth representation, participation, engagement and leadership at the United Nations, including through funding opportunities for youth led organisations, employment opportunities for youth, in all their diversity, especially for youth from developing countries and marginalized groups, ~~and~~ improving the conditions of internships and expanding the UN Youth

Delegate Programme and employment opportunities for youth, especially for youth from developing countries;

- i) Encourage the mobilization of financial and technical support and investment to youth-led organizations movements, networks and initiatives, and promote and upscale education and training and opportunities, in tandem with job creation, for all youth, in all their diversity, and creating an enabling environment for harnessing their talents and abilities to contribute to their societies;
  - j) Conduct outreach to youth, youth-led and youth-focused organizations, movements and networks, including through international, regional, national and local consultations and innovative means, ~~including the use of social media~~ to support the inclusion of young people and their issues within the work of the United Nations
5. *Invites* the President of the Economic and Social Council, with the support of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, to collaborate with the United Nations Youth Office in the preparation for the Economic and Social Council Youth Forum, particularly in ensuring the forum represents a platform for youth from across all regions to continue to share their ideas and engage in meaningful, inclusive and constructive dialogue with Member States.
  6. *Decides* to include in the draft agenda of its seventy-seventh session, and of subsequent sessions, an item entitled ‘Report of the United Nations Youth Office’ and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly an annual report on the activities of the United Nations Youth Office for its consideration under this agenda item in plenary meeting.
  7. *Requests* that the United Nations Youth Office shares the report with youth in all their diversity, youth representatives and representatives of youth-led and youth-focused organizations, movements and networks.