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INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY
And
RIGHT TO EDUCATION

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Thank you, Mr. President,

IIMA works with VIDES International for youth empowerment.

We would like to underline that young people are involved in innovative initiatives—and other causes which guarantee the human rights for all. With the use of technology, these young men and women help to shape public opinion and push for social reforms. Therefore, we cannot but highlight the recognition young people deserve and the relevance of their role.

The economic crisis and political instability undeniably increase fear, xenophobia, populism, and individualism. The SDGs main goal to “Leave no one behind” will be difficult to achieve in such atmosphere. For this, we want to highlight the close relationship between 2030 Agenda goal 17 on “*partnership*” and goal 4 on “*quality education*”.

To live and learn together requires inclusive education which addresses discrimination and promotes appreciation of diversity. Inclusion, as such, calls for youth participation in education policy making. For this to happen young people’s voice needs to be listened to, and their opinions given consideration.

For these reasons, IIMA recommends the following:

- **Promote an inclusive education at all levels, including tertiary education;**
- **Create government mechanism that allows for the collection and elaboration of youth views and opinions;**
- **Enhance youth commitment and empowerment at national level.**

Thank you Mr. President.