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34. **Mr. Rudkjøbing** (Denmark), speaking as the youth representative of Denmark, said that real involvement of young people in developing and implementing policies that concerned them was the key to strong and sustainable development. Such involvement must be strengthened even further if the Millennium Development Goals were to be met. He commended the World Bank for choosing to focus on youth in its World Development Report 2007, as that would provide much-needed data about children and young people. He hoped that trend would continue. Young people could be agents for positive change in society, but adults' failure to recognize their capabilities needed to be overcome in order to ensure greater participation by young people in matters that concerned them. That would lead to better decisions and should take place at all levels, local, national and international. He therefore looked forward to seeing more young people and youth representatives at General Assembly sessions in the years to come.

