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42. **Ms. Aromaa** (Finland), speaking as the youth representative of Finland, said that young people had a key contribution to make to development and should be given an active role in combating climate change for tomorrow's world, which was being created by the decision-makers of today. They must not only be offered opportunities to participate in decision-making affecting their own lives but also have access to education and employment. In addition to formal education, non-formal education through youth organizations provided young people with the skills needed for them to assume responsibility in their communities. Unemployment, however, could hinder their integration into society. International organizations, national Governments and youth organizations should therefore work together to identify concrete ways and means of progressing on that front. The Secretary-General's Youth Employment Network and its Youth Consultative Group offered a good example of such cooperation.

43. Stressing that youth participation should not be a privilege of the happy few, she called on all Member States to honour the commitments made within the framework of the World Programme of Action for Youth. Lastly, she urged them to take every possible action to reach a binding and strict agreement on the reduction of emissions, which was crucial for the planet and for the survival of future generations.

