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Mr. Groom

## UN Youth Delegate Programme

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86. **Mr. Groom** (Australia), speaking as the youth representative of Australia, said that climate change was one of the greatest concerns of young people throughout the world. Young people were able to adapt their behaviour more easily than others, and the world should harness their energy by strengthening the role of education and training in global climate change solutions. For example, Australian youth had embraced the need to reduce water shortage as a result of widespread water education in schools.

87. In Australia, a number of young people were mobilizing to help others less fortunate than themselves, such as indigenous youth and new migrants. Many young people belonged to the Australian Make Poverty History movement. However, there were still many marginalized young people who felt isolated from society, and they needed attention, especially at the United Nations. He hoped that the resolution entitled “Supplement to the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond” (A/C.3/62/L.4) would be adopted.

88. The Australian Government’s Youth Ambassadors for Development Program (AYAD) had enabled 2,100 young Australians to make a positive contribution to development throughout the Asia-Pacific region. It was important that young people should feel that the United Nations was listening to them, and the youth delegate programme was an important step towards that goal. He urged all Member States to consider including a youth representative in their delegations to the United Nations.

