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40. **Mr. Janssen** (Netherlands), speaking as a youth delegate, said that, through the new social media, young people were becoming a globally interconnected generation. True interconnectedness was about discovering that the similarities between peers in the North and South were greater than their differences. It forced young people to acknowledge each other's humanity, to accept their responsibilities towards each other and the planet, and to consider the consequences that their actions had for others. In addition, nowadays young people were more informed about world events, the actions that their Governments were taking and the discussions taking place within the United Nations.

41. His country's youth organizations had been closely watching the recent High-level Meeting on Youth, and, while they noted the engagement of many missions and United Nations agencies, they also saw the lack of youth participation in the youth resolutions and during the International Year of Youth. The Internet had made informed reports on the global situation accessible to all, and young people were aware of the real tragedies, injustice and wasted potential of youth that lay behind the figures. Interconnectedness allowed youth to unite to demand that their Governments start to act and give priority to young people, by allowing them to participate and taking their perspective into account. Specifically, [*7*] Member States should consider establishing dialogue between employers and educational establishments to ensure that the skills taught matched those required by the labour market.

