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31. **Ms. Ahn Lee-seul** (Republic of Korea), speaking as a youth delegate, said that efforts should be made to reduce the gap between and within various socio-economic levels in society, and in that respect, education could play a key role. Improving young people's access to education would help them not only in terms of employment opportunities, but would also help to lift them out of the poverty they might have inherited. As part of her Government's efforts to help support low-income students, it provided free lectures to help prepare for college entrance examinations via the public educational broadcasting system. High-quality classes were also provided in public schools in the regular educational curriculum. That type of free support benefited students from low economic levels and in rural areas.

32. It was also important to further strengthen efforts for the protection and promotion of human rights of persons with diverse cultural backgrounds, by providing additional education services. In order to address the sharp growth in the immigrant population in her country, her Government had implemented such measures as providing Korean language education programmes for the female spouses of immigrants. Providing sufficient support to socially vulnerable groups would help foster social development at the individual, national and global levels.

