

# Dominican Republic – 2012

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23. **Mr. Vásquez** (Dominican Republic), speaking as a youth delegate, said that, although developing countries had made progress towards the MDGs, obstacles remained in the areas of infectious disease, the environment, clean drinking water, malnutrition, education, economic development, housing, security, employment, empowerment and peace.

24. There was no place for exclusion and vulnerability if the international community hoped to achieve balanced development. Equity and sustainability were essential to sustainable growth. Economic growth alone, however, was not enough to reduce social inequity; also needed was a belief that each person could achieve his or her own goals while helping others to achieve theirs.

25. Development could be achieved through stronger policies on the state of law, with ethical institutions serving responsible societies guaranteeing security and promoting equity, governance, peaceful co-existence and development; equal rights and opportunities, with universal education, health and basic services, and the reduction of poverty and social inequality; integrated, innovative, diverse, quality-oriented and environmentally sustainable economies which generated growth with equity and decent work; sustainable production and consumption; equitable risk management; environmental protection; and an appropriate response to climate change.

26. Persons with disabilities should be included in the international community's goals since, according to the World Health Organization World report on disability, a billion people lived with disabilities and that number was increasing. Lastly, he stressed that achieving the MDGs required the political will of Governments, in particular those of developing countries, to strengthen governance and the defence of human rights.

