

Mexico – 2012

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7. **Ms. Suarez Ortiz** (Mexico), speaking as a youth delegate, said that half of the world's population was under the age of 25, and young people had a positive and innovative contribution to make to the international agenda. Some 36 per cent of Mexico's population was aged between 12 and 20 years and, in common with many other parts of the world, it suffered from high levels of unemployment. A lack of jobs forced many young people to participate in the informal sector, an issue that she hoped would be addressed within the United Nations, in particular with [*3*] regard to human development and healthy working conditions.

8. There was a need to improve dialogue between young people and their governments; young people were keen to contribute to society and have their voices heard. The United Nations should develop an inclusive and equitable model that would allow all to participate in civil society, including indigenous populations, migrants and people with disabilities. Mexico recognized the rights of people with disabilities and was a contributor to the Trust Fund established by the UN Partnership to Promote the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD).

9. It was important to develop social and public policies in order to promote the human rights of an increasingly ageing population. Implementation of policies that protected the vulnerable should not be delayed as a result of the financial crisis; Mexico had maintained the level of its social budget in the current year, thereby strengthening the institutions through which it combated poverty and hunger. All Member States should work towards the eradication of poverty, inter alia, by achieving the MDGs and pursuing the development agenda beyond 2015.

