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74. **Ms. Vige** (Norway), speaking as a youth delegate, said that the December 2011 report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on discriminatory laws and practices and acts of violence against individuals based on their sexual orientation and gender identity (A/HRC/19/41) had revealed human rights violations on all continents. She recalled that the Rio+20 outcome document contained acommitment by the international community to protect individuals' right to decide freely and responsibly on matters related to sexuality.

75. Education was essential to improving the situation of sexual and gender minorities; in that connection, the achievement of MDG 2 would ensure sexual education for young people, which, together with access to information, would allow them to take control of their sexuality and contribute to society.

76. She urged Member States to affirm the universality of human rights and protect everyone from violations, to sign the European-Union-backed statement on human rights, sexual orientation and gender identity, to start regular reporting on human rights and sexual orientation in each country, and to provide sexual education for their populations

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