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62. **Ms. Tomova** (Bulgaria), speaking as a youth delegate, said that the members of the General Assembly needed to bridge their differences over how to address the problems facing youth in terms of education, work, health and social integration. In her country, polls showed that a majority of young people were interested in starting their own businesses, and a number of workshops had been organized to assist them with that ambition. Less burdensome bureaucratic procedures and preferential financing, together with training and dissemination of information, would help to promote entrepreneurship among youth.

63. **Mr. Dimitrov** (Bulgaria), speaking as a youth delegate, said that unemployed and uninvolved young people were more vulnerable to feelings of insecurity and apathy. Activities such as youth-run media gave young people a greater sense of purpose and community involvement. Governments should allocate resources to promote youth employment and participation. He urged countries that had not already done so to institute the practice of sending youth delegates to the United Nations and stressed the leading role of young people as agents of change promoting development, tolerance and peace.

