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39. **Ms. Park Yeji** (Republic of Korea), speaking as a youth delegate, said that efforts to define the post-2015 development agenda could not neglect the social dimension of sustainable development. Strategic and concrete action was required to eliminate poverty and discrimination and achieve full and decent employment. The role of empowerment in bolstering the social drivers of sustainable development had been evidenced by the successful rebuilding of the Republic of Korea following the Korean war, an effort achieved primarily through the country's investment in its own people. Much progress still needed to be made, both domestically and internationally, in the area of social inclusion, particularly in the face of unequal global wealth distribution. It was therefore crucial to promote not only equal opportunities, but also equal outcomes, and to expand the notion and scope of education to include the teaching of global citizenship values including human rights, rule of law and democracy.

40. The Republic of Korea had been using its position at the forefront of the information technology revolution to promote global efforts for social inclusion through information technology education programmes for persons with disabilities, older persons and immigrant families in order to narrow the digital [*8*] divide, expand social participation and promote economic independence. It had provided information technology training courses in over 50 developing countries. Aware of the debt owed to the international community for its instrumental role in their country's dramatic post-war rebirth, Korean youth were committed to participating in the efforts to create an inclusive and sustainable world.

