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27. **Ms. Lange** (Germany), speaking as a youth delegate, said that German secondary students had many questions about the accomplishments of the United Nations. They saw that the Security Council could not take action because of veto powers, modest climate goals were set and then ignored, and United Nations resolutions were unenforceable. The United Nations claimed to foster fair working conditions, but did not pay its own interns. Meanwhile, young adults remained underrepresented in politics and the global community was inactive in the face of war, corruption, failed states and humanitarian disasters.

28. **Mr. Kauschanski** (Germany), speaking as a youth delegate, said that it was time to reform the United Nations, which was a sedentary, complex and sluggish institution. Progress in a country should be measured not by gross domestic product but in terms of well-functioning infrastructure, stable government, equal opportunities, fair wages, social justice and even-handed relations with other countries. All States should be held accountable for implementing the Sustainable Development Goals. Young people rejected hypocrisy and were drivers of change, and their energy and vision should be harnessed through permanent local, national and international mechanisms. Human rights were for everyone, everywhere, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or refugee status.

