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25. **Ms. Wachter** (Switzerland), speaking as a youth delegate, said that the commitments made at the World Summit for Social Development remained highly relevant, in view of the ever widening inequalities within and between countries. The adoption of the 2030 Agenda had caused a paradigm shift, and national strategies for implementing the Sustainable Development Goals would need to focus on the root causes of such negative trends. The private sector could enhance its already considerable contribution to social development through investment in key sectors, public-private partnerships and corporate social responsibility. The International Labour Organization (ILO) should lead sustainable development efforts to promote decent work for all. Her delegation called on all Member States to ratify the ILO core conventions and encouraged the tripartite social partners—Government, labour and business—to implement the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization.

26. Poverty in Switzerland was often caused by unemployment, as well as other socioeconomic factors such as household composition, educational level and health and migration status. The Government addressed poverty through prevention—by creating favourable economic conditions, applying an active labour market policy and providing training based on labour market needs—and an effective social safety net. Gender equality was an essential element of sustainable development. In many parts of the world, women and girls were deprived of the most basic human rights. Even in Switzerland, women did not always receive equal pay for equal work and were underrepresented in politics and business. She hoped that the women and men of her generation would make gender equality a reality.

