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6. **Ms. Gustafsson** (Sweden), speaking as a youth delegate, said that young people must be given opportunities for involvement in building a sustainable future. Despite comprising most of the world population, they were still generally denied power and participation. Education, as a human right and the cornerstone of individual development, must be made available to all, in particular to those in vulnerable situations, such as refugee children. Quality education was key for ensuring that young people attained the independence, opportunities and tools they deserved, including awareness of their rights.

7. A powerful and organized civil society that included young people strengthened not only the society in which it operated, but the individual members of that society as well. Young people should have the right to organize themselves within transparent and accessible democracies. Access to reliable information about current affairs and freedom of expression were crucial in that regard. Ultimately, true progress in the implementation of the new development agenda recently adopted by the Member States would be achieved only with the full and equal participation of youth.

