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39. **Ms. Hyeon Gyo Suh** (Republic of Korea), speaking as a youth delegate, said that States and Governments should prioritize gender equality and the empowerment of women by ensuring that women were properly represented, raising public awareness of gender equality and creating institutional frameworks to prevent gender based violence. Persons with disabilities were valuable agents of sustainable development and must be given the opportunity to fulfil their potential. Efforts must be made to safeguard their living standards and ensure that they had access to education and skills training. In the light of the ageing global population, countries must develop well designed pension and health care systems and learn to harness the skills of older people.

40. Youth empowerment through education and participation in decision making processes was critical in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. In the Republic of Korea, young people were making their voices heard by engaging with the Government and local authorities to propose policies and monitor decision making processes. A number of new social policies had been introduced, including one that was intended to boost youth employment by imposing mandatory quotas on the public sector.

