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61. **Mr. Rombouts** (Belgium), speaking as a youth delegate, said that a good education included not only instruction in academic subjects but also social, cultural and sports related activities. To improve the quality of education, all school boards should consider bringing students into their decision making processes. In its resolution 2250 (2015), the Security Council had acknowledged the positive role that young people could play in peacebuilding, opening the door to their participation in a vast range of related fields. It was now widely recognized that youth participation could lead to better outcomes.

62. **Ms. Keita** (Belgium), speaking as a youth delegate, said that, unfortunately, a young person's socioeconomic background remained the strongest determinant of academic success. A child's ability to succeed in school should not be limited by the parents' level of education, migrant status or economic means or by the child's skin colour, religion, mother tongue, health or gender.

