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10. **Mr. Ulvr** and **Ms. Sykorova** (Czechia), speaking as youth delegates, said that, as members of the first generation of young people who had been born into a free, democratic Czech Republic, they felt obliged to continue in the tradition of those who had fought for their freedoms and to build on their society's respect for human rights. The international community must create a space that would enable young people to express their opinions without the bias of ageism; provide young women with more opportunities for political engagement; and allow access to quality, inclusive education, practical training and paid internships for all in an environment of acknowledgement and respect for the contributions of young people. The systematic involvement of youth, youth organizations and civil society was essential to sustainable development. Young people must therefore be included in decision-making processes and the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of development strategies. Additional efforts should be made to encourage the participation of vulnerable and marginalized youth groups. As for the General Assembly resolution on youth, it should be ambitious and serve as a basis for policies to promote measures such as school and youth parliaments, youth boards and councils, participatory budgeting and co-management practices with a view to teaching young people about democracy.

