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14. **Ms. Kuhn** (Germany), speaking as a youth delegate, asked whether the delegations attending the current meeting could affirm that decision makers in their country consulted with youth regularly and whether participation was open to the latter, irrespective of their ethnic, educational and financial background and of whether they lived in cities or rural areas; good solutions often required only creativity and passion for change, attributes that did not depend on age. While youth were disproportionately affected by problems relating to education and unemployment, their priorities ranged far beyond those issues to include reducing the gender pay gap, ensuring access to water for all and creating more inclusive societies. Their perspective was unique and must be taken into account in the search for solutions.

15. **Mr. Schlapp** (Germany), speaking as a youth delegate, said that wide geographical representation of the world's youth within the framework of the United Nations Youth Delegate Programme was essential. Young people were not a homogenous group, and meaningful youth participation must reflect their diversity.

