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10. **Mr. Bole** (Slovenia), speaking as a youth delegate, said that the increasingly digitalized world was bringing both threats and opportunities, especially in relation to social media. Digital literacy was important for young people in particular in view of privacy concerns, scams, disinformation and disappearing jobs. In Slovenia, almost all young people had adequate access to the Internet and the digital world and were expressing their opinions on global issues through social media. The topics discussed included environmental issues such as climate change, and in particular the Amazon fires.

11. In other countries, however, many young people were deprived of digital well-being. It was time for the United Nations to take leadership for an agenda for digital development goals, as an upgrade of the Sustainable Development Goals. Goal 9 on industry, innovation and infrastructure was of particular importance. Many decades previously, the Iron Curtain had been brought down. Now there was the risk of a new curtain separating those with advanced digital skills and training from those who had not had such opportunities. The digital curtain had to be brought down.

