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71. **Ms. Bait** (Italy), speaking as a youth delegate, in a pre-recorded video statement, said that the global pandemic had highlighted the crucial role of digital skills but had also exacerbated the digital divide. All human rights that existed offline must be protected online. The digital divide between countries, between urban and rural areas and between young and older persons, and the digital gender divide must be reduced. Initiatives to include and empower young people around the world in decision-making must be promoted. The ethical use of technologies must be encouraged, and the current generation must be trained to be responsible learners in the digital age.

72. **Mr. Demo** (Italy), speaking as a youth delegate, in a pre-recorded video statement, said that school systems must be adapted to the complexity of the new world. Educational methods needed to take into consideration the evolving skills required, including digital and other soft skills. Promoting teamwork led to greater acceptance of others' ideas and the creation of a democratic environment. The ability to manage emotions and work under pressure was vital to developing healthy relationships with others. Innovative educational methods, such as peer education, should be promoted to reach that goal.

