

## **BULLETIN NO. 39:**

**Towards a Declaration on Future Generations** 

Stakeholder Briefing - June ,2024











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ABOUT: In a letter dated May 31, 2024, Permanent Representatives Brian Christopher Manley Wallace of Jamaica and Yoka Brandt of the Netherlands thanked all delegations for actively participating in the first reading of the zero draft on May 14 and 17, using the compilation document as a resource. The letter included a revised draft (REV1) that reflects Member States' insights, written contributions, comments, and interventions. An explanation note outlined the co-facilitator technique for moving from the initial draft to the amended version. The notice stated that the amended draft is based on written comments and spoken interventions made during the first reading. The REV1 release was followed by a virtual stakeholder briefing on June 12, 2024. This bulletin will focus on key remarks shared by the stakeholders during the briefing.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** Engaging in dialogue with individuals impacted by drug policies, particularly young people, is essential to ensure their voices are represented in policy formulation. Additionally, prioritizing the rights of future generations in shaping drug policies is crucial for their well-being. Efforts to combat discrimination, racism, and intolerance in drug policies must be integrated to uphold fairness and justice. Moreover, alternative approaches focusing on harm reduction and rehabilitation should be explored to address current punitive laws' ineffectiveness. Furthermore, youth-led organizations play a pivotal role in advocating for more inclusive drug policies, amplifying the voices of young individuals. Additionally, policies need to safeguard vulnerable populations, promote gender equality, and address marginalized communities' needs. A call is made for reassessing global peace efforts and empowering women in Afghanistan through education and employment. Moreover, highlighting the importance of foresight, global collaboration, and youth involvement in decision-making processes for a sustainable future is essential. Recommendations for addressing inequalities, safeguarding human rights, and enhancing youth participation in policy formulation have been put forth to create a more equal, inclusive, and just society for future generations. Also, a call was made to reassess the UN charter to tackle global peace and nuclear disarmament. Ultimately, it is crucial to integrate a precautionary principle into policies, invest in young individuals, and ensure the sustainable development of all to pave the way for a brighter tomorrow.



## **HEADLINES:**

- → Engaging with individuals impacted by drug policies, especially young people, to ensure their voices are heard in policy formulation.
- → Prioritizing the rights and well-being of future generations in policy decisions.
- → Addressing discrimination, racism, and intolerance in policy enforcement.
- → Addressing climate change, immediate actions, and safeguarding supply chains.
- → Prioritizing tolerance, social justice, and gender equality in society.
- → Reassessing the UN charter to tackle global peace and nuclear disarmament.
- → Empowering Afghan women and girls through education and employment support.
- → Fostering a more just and effective drug policy framework through the perspectives of youth.
- → Addressing critical issues like sanitation and financial inclusion for sustainable development.
- → Incorporating a precautionary principle into policies for future generations' well-being.
- → Advocating for economic stability and marginalized group inclusion in decision-making processes.
- → Supporting education for all, especially individuals with disabilities, for a more equitable society.
- → Prioritizing the survival and security needs of all individuals and natural ecosystems for a sustainable future.
- → A commitment is urged towards a minimum of 50% representation of women in political roles to promote gender equality and peace.

## **RESOURCES:**

- 1. Our Common Agenda Policy Brief on Future Generations.
- 2. <u>Issues Paper on the Intergovernmental Process for the Declaration on Future Generations</u>
- 3. Letter from the President of the General Assembly Declaration on Future Generations Roadmap
- 4. A Declaration on Future Generation
- 5. Co-Facilitators letter on the 31st of May 2024
- 6. REV1 Declaration on Future Generations
- 7. Explanatory Note on the REV1 of the Declaration on Future Generations

