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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.

STAKEHOLDER'S REMARKS :

- Engaging in dialogue with individuals impacted by drug policies, particularly young people, is essential to ensure that their voices and concerns are adequately represented in the formulation of policy. It is crucial to prioritize the rights and well-being of future generations when shaping drug policies, recognizing the direct impact these decisions will have on them.
- Efforts to combat discrimination, racism, and intolerance must be integrated into the enforcement of drug policies to uphold principles of fairness and justice for all. This necessitates acknowledging and remedying the disproportionate effects of drug legislation on marginalized communities and striving toward the establishment of more inclusive and equitable policies.
- The ineffectiveness of current punitive drug laws, which have led to detrimental consequences such as mass incarceration and the perpetuation of socioeconomic disparities, underscores the urgency of reassessing these regulations. Alternative approaches focusing on harm reduction, rehabilitation, and support should be explored to address the shortcomings of existing policies.

- Youth-led organizations play a pivotal role in advocating for pragmatic and inclusive drug policies. These groups serve as a platform for young individuals to amplify their voices, garner resources for policy reform, and advance a more compassionate and equitable approach to drug policy. By entering the perspectives and experiences of young people, strides can be made toward establishing a more just and effective drug policy framework.
- During the discussion, emphasis was placed on addressing climate change, undertaking immediate actions, and safeguarding supply chains from biological and chemical threats. Commitment to reduction and protection was underscored to safeguard the interests of future generations.
- Issues of tolerance, social justice, and gender equality in society were highlighted by participants, stressing the necessity of policies that safeguard and support vulnerable populations, particularly women and children.
- A call was made for a reassessment of the UN charter to tackle matters concerning global peace, nuclear disarmament, and the formulation of a new guiding constitutional or model framework to steer transformative change.
- The significance of education for all individuals, especially about the rights of women in Afghanistan to education and employment, was discussed. It was urged for collective action and support from nations to empower and uplift Afghan women and girls.
- The key themes highlighted by participants underscore the importance of foresight in decision-making processes, the imperative of global collaboration to confront pressing challenges, and the pivotal role of youth in shaping a sustainable future.
- The participants underscored the significance of addressing critical issues, such as sanitation and financial inclusion, to secure a sustainable future for all individuals. They emphasized the necessity for a coordinated response to global shocks and disasters, stressing the importance of enhanced preparedness and capacity building. Furthermore, they highlighted the empowerment of local governments to establish equitable policies and governance structures that prioritize adaptation and resilience.

- The participants articulated the importance of integrating a precautionary principle into policies and technologies to safeguard the well-being of future generations. They also emphasized the essential access to knowledge and information that fosters resilient livelihoods, including the promotion of green jobs and sustainable practices. In addition, the participants reiterated the crucial role of young people in advocating for the interests of future generations, proposing the appointment of a special envoy to ensure alignment between global commitments and actions.
- The participants discussed the necessity for economic stability and the inclusion of marginalized groups in decision-making processes. They emphasized the significance of recognizing the family as a fundamental unit of society, protecting the rights of parents and children, and upholding cultural and identity rights. Moreover, they highlighted the importance of governmental accountability and transparency in all governance mechanisms to prevent corruption and ensure the consideration of all parties' interests.
- The participants suggested that experimental concepts such as multi-agency governance or youth participation mechanisms should have a consultative role rather than a governing one, as governments must remain accountable to their citizens. They argued for a shift towards a human rights approach in international agreements, advocating for the universal recognition of rights beyond present generations and the incorporation of faith-based principles, Indigenous peoples' rights, and women and girls' rights in international declarations for a more inclusive and equal future for all.
- The participants expressed concern regarding the negative impact of unchecked growth on human rights and the exacerbation of inequalities, emphasizing the importance of addressing inequalities alongside growth for sustainable development. They stressed the need to incorporate diverse voices, including marginalized groups, youth, and children, in decision-making processes at international forums to ensure a more representative and inclusive approach to tackling global challenges.
- The crucial role of investing in young people, particularly in developing nations, as a fundamental step towards shaping a brighter future is underscored. Attention is drawn towards the significance of focusing on access to justice and resources, which are essential areas requiring attention to support the potential and well-being of youth.

- It is imperative to establish a people-centric, fair, and responsive system that caters to the needs of young individuals to ensure sustainable development and foster a more equitable society for forthcoming generations.
- A call is made for more assertive actions by all member states to guarantee comprehensive access to sexual and reproductive health and rights for all, including marginalized communities. Recommendations encompass the control of arms and weaponry, adherence to collaborative efforts at all U.N. levels, discouragement of research on lethal weapons, and the pursuit of a nuclear-free world. Additionally, advocating for the implementation of programs supporting children with disabilities and promoting inclusive education is imperative.
- There is a pressing need for collaborative dialogues among governments to adopt critical policies safeguarding human rights, democracy, and environmental sustainability. Honest discussions concerning the current status quo and the role of youth in devising innovative solutions are imperative.
- Suggestions are put forth to include references to the Paris Agreement, intergenerational justice, and financing required alterations in the Draft Declaration.
- Calling for investment in education to ensure the integration of individuals with disabilities and guarantee equal participation for all children in educational institutions is essential. Recognizing the necessity for a mechanism granting standing to civil society organizations to advocate for human rights is emphasized. Addressing psychological science and mental health for current and future generations is crucial.
- Recommendations for tackling racism and intersectionality in the battle against inequalities are provided.
- A commitment is urged towards a minimum of 50% representation of women in political roles to promote gender equality and peace. Proposals for eliminating historical and structural disparities, reforming counterproductive policies, safeguarding the needs and rights of future generations, and involving young individuals meaningfully in policymaking are highlighted.

- Stressing the importance of reinforcing gender equality and ensuring the full participation of women's and girls' organizations in all proceedings is paramount. Concern is expressed regarding human rights infringements in Argentina, urging their denouncement at the summit.
- Emphasis is laid on the necessity for peace and security in nations grappling with post-conflict scenarios and contributions towards peace-building endeavors.
- A call is made for prioritizing the survival and security needs of all individuals and the preservation of natural ecosystems.
- Recommendations are made to advocate for youth inclusion, enhance education, and fortify legal frameworks to advance human rights in the future.
- Recommendations for addressing racism, and intersectionality, and including marginalized groups in decision-making processes are crucial in promoting equality and justice. Similarly, suggestions for addressing disability issues and ensuring equal participation in education for persons with disabilities need to be taken into consideration to uphold the principles of inclusivity and accessibility.
- The significance of reintroducing the term "Rights of Future Generations" in the declaration to strengthen international law and the rule of law has been highlighted. A shift in perspective is imperative to prioritize the rights of future generations and nature, transcending anthropocentric ideologies.
- It is concerning that points about future generations were omitted from Chapter 4 of the People's Pact for the Future. Therefore, it is recommended to revise Chapter 4 to align it with the priorities of children and older individuals, as outlined in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- The insights shared by youth and children from diverse backgrounds on topics such as inclusive sports, access to educational technology, and the mental health repercussions of climate calamities are invaluable. Proposals to enrich the declaration by incorporating viewpoints on cultural and environmental education, child-friendly governance, and involving children in deliberations and decision-making processes have been put forth.

- It is essential to safeguard the interests of future generations, particularly those most susceptible to conflicts and climate-related adversities. The voices of advocates for justice and agents of positive change must be heeded to foster peace and well-being.
- By emphasizing the needs of future generations, a more sustainable and equitable world can be cultivated. By supporting pioneers in effecting change and amplifying their endeavors, a way for a brighter tomorrow can be paved.
- The intergenerational repercussions of policies and actions underscore the importance of deliberating on how decisions today will impact future generations. Consequently, it is imperative to articulate clear definitions and commitments to future generations in international agreements.
- To effectively integrate the perspectives of future generations in decision-making processes, strategic measures must be established. This includes institutionalizing the representation of future generations in national dialogues to ensure their voices are heard and their interests are considered.
- Implementing mechanisms to account for the needs and aspirations of future generations in decision-making is instrumental in forging a sustainable and just future. By guiding and incorporating future thinking into policy-making, the interests of future generations can be safeguarded.
- Educating youth on the importance of future-oriented and critical thinking is paramount. By integrating future thinking into educational curricula from an early age, the next generation can be equipped with the skills needed to make informed decisions that benefit future generations.
- Involving youth meaningfully in decision-making processes is essential for preparing them to contribute to shaping a better future. By providing young people with opportunities to participate in decision-making and amplify their voices, they can become active agents of positive change in creating a brighter future for all.
- The pressing urgency to tackle the substantial threats posed by exceeding planetary boundaries, particularly concerning the Earth's environmental system, must be underscored. It is imperative to take immediate action to mitigate the escalating impacts of climate change and conflict and to bridge the socio-economic disparity between the wealthiest and most disadvantaged populations.

- Member states of the United Nations should be held responsible for the effective implementation of the declaration, mandating the establishment of an accountability framework to oversee its execution. Collaboration, partnership, and resource mobilization are essential to visualize and actualize the desired outcomes of the initiatives undertaken.
- There is a strong call for more resolute language and unwavering commitment in demanding concrete actions from member states. The inherent risks of water scarcity, sanitation crises, and related conflicts demand focused attention, given their profound repercussions on public health, education, and economic stability. The active participation and engagement of younger generations, particularly young women, in water management programs is crucial.
- The acknowledgment of gender equality's critical role in advancing sustainable development goals is paramount. It is essential to involve future generations in decision-making processes and periodic reviews of the declaration to address the multifaceted issues stemming from climate crises, conflicts, forced displacement, and human rights violations.
- Participants have stressed the imperative for collaboration, strategic thinking, and proactive measures to tackle challenges such as youth employment, education, and tailored interventions for various regions. The significance of considering individual diversity and aspirations to attain mutual benefits and foster harmonious coexistence for a brighter tomorrow has been reiterated.
- Proposals to enhance the declaration encompass safeguarding education, promoting gender parity, and advancing sustainable development objectives. Strategies to address specific adversities faced by young people, including violence, and advocating for their meaningful involvement in policy formulation have been underscored.
- Advocacy for investing in children today to secure a prosperous tomorrow resonates strongly, emphasizing the fundamental need to shield them from harm, nurture resilience, and empower them to positively contribute to society. The emphasis on accountability, technological innovation, climate action, mental health support, and fostering peace reflects a holistic approach to addressing critical challenges impacting the well-being of upcoming generations.

- The emphasis on inclusivity, diversity, and prioritizing the voices and demands of youth in the declaration is pivotal. Recognizing the array of needs and aspirations among young individuals underscores the significance of acknowledging and accommodating diverse perspectives to craft a more sustainable and all-encompassing future for generations to come.

RESOURCES:

1. [Our Common Agenda Policy Brief on Future Generations.](#)
2. [Issues Paper on the Intergovernmental Process for the Declaration on Future Generations](#)
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](#)

