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Mr Chairperson,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union.

The Candidate Countries Turkey, Croatia\* and the former Yugoslav Republic of

to devote even more attention to the educational and other needs and rights of children and young people in these urban areas

To meet these challenges, a wide variety of policy responses has already been developed or is being developed by the EU and its Member States. In March

2005, the European Council adopted "The European Youth Pact". Its aim is to improve education, training, mobility, employment and social inclusion of

of both the anticipated future growth of the cities and their present needs. Urban areas in developing countries are also environments in which women

and young people are made more vulnerable to violence, abuse and deaths associated with pregnancy and childbirth. Poverty in urban slums is also a

HIV transmission. The demand of the city dwellers for housing, schools, jobs

achieve the objective of sustainable cities. The EU agreed, in May 2007, on

cities. The Charter calls for a greater use of integrated urban development policy approaches and emphasize the importance of systematic and