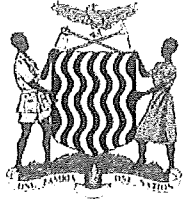


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Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of the Zambian delegation, I wish to congratulate you and other members of the Bureau on your election.

Mr. Chairman,

This year's theme, which focuses on young people, is very important for our country given that young people account for 34 percent of the total population. Young people in Zambia do not only constitute a significant proportion of the productive population but also in a position to influence political, social and economic change.

Mr. Chairman,

Zambia has made strides in uplifting the welfare of young people and I will elaborate on a few.

Mr. Chairman,

sectors through a number of interventions such as opening and re-opening of industries:

Mr. Chairman,

Having said all this, Zambia remains committed to implementing in its entirety the Programme of Action of the ICED adopted in 1994 in relation to the welfare of young people. In line with

this commitment Zambia is a signatory to various international treaties aimed at protecting the

welfare of young people and we look forward to a strengthened global partnership in addressing the various problems facing our young people. More resources are needed to strengthen