

Opening Session  
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I am talking today on behalf of every young person in this world who has fled their homes.

In preparing for this summit, I received so many messages from refugees

desperate to be heard. Reading them all out would take too long. But there is one message that I have to share. It's a message from Zoher, a Palestinian Syrian, like me. Stateless and stuck. With no possibility of escaping the war. He said: "We are living on the edge of hell. We have been waiting for so long for the day that the world would hear our voice. I hope it is today."

From the time I arrived in the Netherlands, I saw how even Europe is struggling with the growing number of refugees. There is intense public fear about refugees. As young refugees, we face this anger and fear every day.