

Highlight key components of the Youth on Peace Building

For this written submission to the Peacebuilding Commission's Ministerial Meeting in 2025, it is important to highlight key components of the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda.

It is also necessary to address central elements of the New Agenda for Peace, and consequent steps the Member States can take to address shared challenges to peacebuilding and to multilateral commitment. Centrally, we are fully committed to the idea of taking youth, and children, as a priority on the peace discussion.

Since our young people are more and more the protagonists in our times, a real change can take place by an effective engagement of the youth around the world. By **recognizing the youth as stakeholders** and emphasizing that young people are not just passive victims of conflict but active agents of change and peace, we can elevate multilateral work for greater impact. The youth, and also children, should be **recognized as a priority** in the peace and security process. The youth is both a **central element** of connection, as well as it can generate renewed international commitment by having a common agenda apart from political or cultural differences.

By **Networking and Promotion**, youth today are more connected than ever before, thanks to the internet and social media. This connectivity enables them to share ideas, experiences, values, and also to act across borders, making it easier to build global networks of young peace builders. But they still stand in need of local and international help to put their full potential into action, in a way they can help us to promote and sustain peace.

It is then fundamental to provide them **with the required means**: While youth peacebuilding based on shared values and principles is possible, it is essential to provide youth with the **resources, mentorship, and opportunities** they need to make a meaningful and sustainable impact.

Governments, international organizations, civil society, and communities should actively support and invest in youth-led peacebuilding initiatives to harness the potential of this generation to contribute to a more peaceful and just world.