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Good morning, co-chairs. My name is Rebecca Reingold and I am speaking on behalf of the Major Group for Children and Youth.

We would like to take this opportunity to make 3 points regarding global governance.

First, global governance principles in the new sustainable development framework should be aligned with human rights norms.

In order for global governance to be just and effective, it must promote and protect these norms, including participation, access to information, access to justice, transparency and accountability, among others. Effective public participation in decision-making, for example, depends on access to full, accurate, up-to-date information.

It is important to note that these human rights norms have been identified as central to global governance in both regional and international agreements, including Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration and the Economic Commission for Europe's Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters. We hope that they will be placed at the heart of global governance in the new SDG agenda as well.

Second, global governance in the new sustainable development framework must be inclusive.

Opportunities to participate in global governance institutions must be made available to a wide range of stakeholders through the Major Groups forum, including children & youth and other marginalized groups. This involves ensuring that mechanisms of global governance already in existence, such as the High Level Political Forum, develop entry points for such groups. Civil society should have the opportunity to provide shadow reports or other inputs to the High Level Political Forum's review of member states' progress towards implementing their sustainable development commitments.

It also involves the creation of new mechanisms, such as a Permanent Forum on Youth, which would involve youth and member states jointly reviewing the World Programme of Action on Youth.

Finally, sustainable development global governance must take into account the needs of future generations.

The High Level Political Forum will play a crucial role in effective and transparent

implementation of the SDGs, particularly if it is to be the centerpiece of global governance on sustainable development. MGCY continues to support the proposal for a High Commissioner for Future Generations to work alongside the HLPF, helping to bring coherence and an interconnected, long-term approach to the sustainable development agenda, while facilitating inter-agency cooperation.

We welcome the UN Secretary General's report on this issue and appreciate the inclusion of the High Commissioner for Future Generations as a possible way forward. We believe it to be the strongest option.

Thank you.