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XV GENERAL ASSEMBLY

“YOUTH RISE FOR PEACE”

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REPORT

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I. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) held its 15th. General Assembly in Melaka, Malaysia on the 22nd to 26th November, 2010. The Assembly was attended by over 200 delegates from 40 different member countries and various international organisations. The Assembly has been declared a resounding success by all who attended.

The theme of the Assembly was “Youth Rise for Peace” in the realization and the importance of the role that peace plays for the young people today, who make more than half of the world population. Peace is the desire of everybody, but it takes a special kind of person to actively seek it. WAY believes that young people have an essential role in our societies to act within the conflicts and in the promotion of non violent values and attitudes. It is important that young people become aware that there are non-violent ways to deal with conflicts and to provide them with knowledge and skills to change the aggressive trends of our societies.

The importance of an organisation such as WAY was highlighted as national youth organisations and councils now interact at a level never before experienced. WAY is seen as the global platform for the voice of young people.

Agenda 1 Opening Ceremony

The **Minister of Human Resources**, Hon. Dato Dr. R Subramaniam, inaugurated the 15th WAY Assembly. He thanked WAY for inviting him to officially open the General Assembly. He also thanked all delegates attending the 15th General Assembly of WAY and welcomed everyone to Melaka, Malaysia.

He then, congratulated Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam, WAY President, for successfully steering WAY to the point of having its headquarters in Melaka. He went on saying that “I wish to call upon the younger generation to share your thoughts and ideas in finding a global solutions to the global problems of injustice; poverty and hunger; environmental degradation. We need your creative mindsets to achieve lasting world peace. As leaders, we will have to hear and understand your hopes and dreams because it is you, the youths of today who will carry the torch of peace, and make the world a better place to live.”

He then concluded saying that “We must not wait for our young people to grow up before listening to them on important matters such as world peace. We must create space to hear them here and now. ”

WAY President, Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam welcomed all to the 15th WAY Assembly. In his speech, he mentioned that “... this General Assembly has a special

importance as we proceed through in the twenty first century with all its challenges. As today's youth are tomorrow's leaders signifies that the fruits of our assembly is in real fact a preparation for the future generations to take the lead."

With regards to the theme, he went to say that "... is very appropriate as there is enough violence around us daily in every part of the world. No one is exempted from that pain." He further went on to quote the words of Francis Assisi *"Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy".*

He concluded by reminding all the youth leaders present, that " It is our duty as youth leaders and youth of today to take advantage of all the opportunities that we can get to develop ourselves and gain more knowledge and help gear other youth towards leadership. I would like to believe that everyone in this room is destined for something greater than themselves. "

The welcoming address to the 15th WAY General Assembly was presented by Mr. Mohamed Maliki Mohamed Rapiee, **President of Malaysian Youth Council**. He welcomed all the delegates and observers to Melaka, Malaysia. In his welcoming address he mentioned that "Malaysian Youth council hopes WAY will continue its function by developing networking and to nurture understanding and practice democracy to the community of the world."

Agenda 2 Amendments to the WAY Charter

The Assembly adopted that there were no amendments made to the charter.

Agenda 3 Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda was adopted with no amendments.

Agenda 4 Adoption of Rules and Procedures and By- laws

The Rules of Procedures and By-laws were adopted and the Assembly forwarded it to be further discussed and elaborated by the Election and Credential Committee.

Agenda 5 Election of Credential Committee

The Credential Committee determined the status of each member countries and the Term of Reference was prepared. The Assembly elected the Credential Committee.

- Credential Committee
 - Zimbabwe Youth Council
 - Indonesian National Youth Council
 - National Youth Council of Namibia

Agenda 6 Formation of Commissions

The Assembly formally agreed on the formation of Commission to discuss and deliberate on the various issues pertaining to WAY and its member countries. The Assembly elected the following:

- Development Commission
 - Indonesian National Youth Council
 - National Youth Council of Nigeria
 - National Youth & Social Welfare Council, Bangladesh

- Political Commission
 - National Council of Youth Organisations in Korea
 - National Organisation of Libyan Youth
 - Zimbabwe Youth Council
 - Yemen Youth General Union

- Administrative Commission
 - National Youth Council of Namibia
 - Malaysian Youth Council
 - General Sudanese Student's Union

Agenda 7 Adoption of WAY Report

The report listed WAY's activities since year 2005-2010.

Agenda 8 Adoption of WAY Financial Report

The Financial Report was adopted.

Agenda 9 Announcement of Nomination for new Office Bearers

The assembly were briefed by the President that all details and eligibility on the nominations and management of the election to be discussed in the Credential Committee and the Election Committee. It was accepted and announced that election of a President (one post), Vice President (5 posts), and Executive Members (7 posts). The Assembly agreed on the appointment of members to the Election Committee.

- Election Committee
 - National Youth Commission (Philippines)
 - Youth Council of Macedonia
 - National Council of Youth and Child Development (Thailand)

II. THE COMMISSIONS AND ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

The Assembly organization was based on the work of the Commissions, formed to discuss relevant issues and resolutions while suggesting special actions programmes before being proposed, discussed and considered by the Assembly. The following recommendations of the Commissions and Committee appear as they were adopted by the 15th General Assembly.

Puteri Resort Ayer Keroh, Melaka, Malaysia
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‘YOUTH RISE FOR PEACE’

PEACE DECLARATION

1 Preamble

We, the participants of the 15th WAY General Assembly convened in Melaka, Malaysia with the theme “Youth Rise for Peace” held on November 22-26, 2010 organised by the World Assembly of Youth which brings together the young people and youth leaders from around the world to discuss on the issues raised from the given theme. After exhaustive deliberations, the following were seen as necessities for global peace.

2 Recommendations:

2.1. Education

In view of the central position education occupies in peace engineering, we recommend as follows:

- 2.1.1 Design education curricula to meet basic human needs such as:
 - Vocational education
 - Sports development
 - Training camps
 - Skill/Talent development program.
- 2.1.2 Peace education on value orientation.
- 2.1.3 Youth exchange programme.
- 2.1.4 Free education for all to secondary level.

2.2. Environment

The environment portends our common heritage. This calls for collective resolve to keep it protected and safe for all. To this end, we recommend as follows:

- 2.2.1 Proper waste management regime.
- 2.2.2 Enforce existing environmental laws.
- 2.2.3 Involve youths in environmental protection activities via environment protection clubs for example Green Peace.
- 2.2.4 Environmental remediation / CSR of Agencies and Multinationals.
- 2.2.5 Proper compensation.
- 2.2.6 Enforce respect to mother nature.
- 2.2.7 Ensure sustainability of Environmental Protection effort through Ministry Commission of Environmental.
- 2.2.8 Youth programs organised at the National Youth Council levels on environment programs should focus on the triple environment phenomenon of biodiversity, loss, alteration in weather patterns and climate change.

2.3 Gender Equality

Everyone was created equal and as such everyone must have equal opportunities. To this end, we recommend as follows:

- 2.3.1 Ensure equal opportunities for all.
- 2.3.2 Promote mutual understanding and coexistence through dialogues and cultural exchanges.
- 2.3.3 Remove all social barriers that promote gender inequality.

2.4 Economy

A strong and sustainable economy is the bedrock of existence. The equitable distribution of global wealth is an impediment to global peace. Young people need access to resource and opportunities that enable them to overcome poverty and unemployment. To this end, we recommended as follows:

- 2.4.1. WAY calls for the empowerment of local people through indigenization programs that would ensure local ownership of resources.

- 2.4.2. WAY should encourage and support poverty reduction and debt relief programs, WAY further denounces unfair global trade practices that sustain poverty in the developing world. WAY also denounces the politically motivated denial o development of aid, balance of payment support and loans as this creates unnecessary suffering amongst ordinary people.
- 2.4.3 WAY member countries should encourage youth entrepreneurship through micro credit and other initiatives.

2.5 Social values /Culture / Racial / Ethnic and Religion

In recognition of the central role that values, culture and religion play in nation building, it is our view that:

- 2.5.1 Youth cultural exchange programmes should be institutionalised for mutual understanding and co-existence.
- 2.5.2 Use of social institutions to inculcate and promote positive values.
- 2.5.3 Regulation of social networking should be encouraged.
- 2.5.4 Involve youth in cultural awareness and sensitisation programs.

2.6 Governance

The well being of the people depends on their machinery of governance and the role of their leaders. To this end, we recommend as follows:

- 2.6.1 Ensure transparency in electoral processes.
- 2.6.2 Organise public awareness campaigns and election sensitisation programmes for the electorates.
- 2.6.3 Discourage election violence and malpractice.
- 2.6.4 In order to protect security interest of all member nations, UN should extend permanent and equal representation at the UN Security Council to Africa, Asia, and Latin America.
- 2.6.5 WAY denounces groups which seek to achieve unconstitutional takeover of government.

2.7 Human Rights

The right of existence belongs to all. Therefore it is everyone's responsibility to guard it. To this end, we propose as follows:

- 2.7.1 Young people should be involved in awareness and sensitisation programs on Human Rights and the citizens' duties and responsibilities.
- 2.7.2 Governments should be encouraged to respect Human Rights Laws and Conventions.
- 2.7.3 UN International Human Rights Conventions and Laws should be incorporated into domestic legislations to enable enforcement at local levels.
- 2.7.4 UN should ensure compliance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by member countries.
- 2.7.5 Human rights advocacy should not only focus on first generation or civil rights but also the second generation of rights, such as socio-economic rights and third generation rights such as our rights to a clean and safe environment.

3 Conclusion

In conclusion, the above declarations are put together to have a peaceful world for all of us and even future generations. It is the expectation of WAY that this will be taken very seriously by all sectors and the member countries should be encouraged to comply.

III. RESOLUTIONS OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Climate Change / Environment

Recommendation:

- WAY should encourage youth to advocate on Climate Change;
- WAY should promote member countries to plant trees all over the world, targeting 1 Youth 1 Tree;
- WAY should advocate environmental protection and remediation;
- Indonesia will host 1st International Youth Conference on Climate Change;

Poverty

Recommendation:

- WAY should encourage youth skill development such as: business skills development and home management skill development;
- WAY should assist in redesigning the national plan, according to the local needs by maximizing and utilizing the availability of the local resources;

Health (HIV/AIDS, Malaria)

Recommendation:

- WAY members should involve youth in massive advocacy, about HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases;
- WAY should conduct health training and capacity building based on the local needs;
- Bangladesh will host the Youth and Health Conference on 2012;

Agriculture

Recommendation:

- WAY should involve the youth in participating in various agricultural activities;
- WAY should assist on the establishment of farmer clubs, based on the local conditions;

Entrepreneurship

Recommendations:

- WAY should encourage the development on SME's such as:
 - Access to fund;
 - Capacity building;
 - Information for small business;
- WAY should exchange the SME products and information among its members;

Leadership and Citizenship

Recommendations:

- WAY should assist member countries to establish leadership building training;
- WAY should encourage the exchange of youth leaders among its member countries;
- WAY should distinguish youth experts among its members;
- WAY should recommend member countries to involve youth participation in their governance;

Education

Recommendations:

- WAY members should redesign their education system and curriculum to meet the basic human needs;
- WAY should establish the formal and non-formal education and vocational education;
- WAY members should request each local government to fund the educational research;

Fight against corruption

Recommendations:

- WAY members should encourage youth advocacy against election violence and mal practice;
- WAY members should encourage their local government to be accountable for the people;

IV. RESOLUTIONS OF THE POLITICAL COMMISSION

The 15th General Assembly of the World Assembly of Youth, meeting in Melaka, Malaysia, from 22 – 24 November 2010, under the theme “*Youth Rise for Peace,*” representing the 120 member National Youth Councils of WAY;

Conscious of the youth’s desire to live in a peaceful, prosperous and harmonious world; *Inspired* by the United Nations (UN) Charter (1945), the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948), the UN International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (2005), the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2007), the UN Millennium Declaration (2000), the UN World Programme of Action for Youth to the year 2000 and Beyond (1995) and the Dakar Youth Empowerment Strategy (2001);

Celebrating the 61st Anniversary of the WAY and its continued service to the world’s youth;

Hereby recommend as follows:

- Young people should be the world’s principal advocates for peace, as they present the world with the prospects of harmonious co-existence across race, ethnicity, tribe and religion. This highlights the need for the inculcation of the spirit of peace, dialogue and mutual understanding in the young people, at an early age, which will yield a more peaceful tomorrow;
- WAY calls for urgent global disarmament and the total eradication of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction, to prevent the possibility of another World War and arms race. At another level, concerted action is required to curb the proliferation of light weapons;
- WAY denounces the use of military force as an instrument of foreign policy. This has resulted in the killing of innocent civilians, more recently in the United States’ (US) war against Iraq and Afghanistan. International disputes should be resolved through “soft power” approaches such as diplomacy and negotiations;
- WAY requests the United Nations Security Council to be enlarged, thus democratized, to ensure that it is able to take into account the views of developing nations. Permanent seats should be granted to African, Asian/Pacific and Latin America/Caribbean nations;
- Illegal occupation is the root cause of instability in the Middle East. WAY calls for Israel’s immediate withdrawal from Palestinian Land and the occupied Syrian Golan, in line with the 04 June 1967 borderlines, as per UN resolution 242 of 1967 and 338 of 1973. We also call for an end to American occupation in Iraq and Afghanistan, which has only brought bloodshed to these countries. The Middle East may not know peace until the world brings an end to the era of illegal occupation;

- WAY calls upon the international community to preserve the territorial integrity and sovereignty of UN Member States and to take action against those who violate such territorial integrity and national sovereignty;
- WAY denounces the perpetrators of the worrying phenomenon of global terrorism. This calls for a holistic solution which addresses the root causes of terrorism, such as illegal occupation, inhuman and degrading treatment, economic injustices and poverty. The tendencies towards terrorism may also be addressed through psychosocial support initiatives;
- WAY should address economic injustices through initiatives to empower indigenous people to enable them to have access and control of their natural resources. There is a need to address the current vulgar discrepancies in the distribution of global wealth, where the richest two percent of the world population owns half of the global wealth. There can never be sustainable world peace until there is economic justice!
- WAY calls upon the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the International Finance Corporation and other Western donor countries and agencies to develop and implement debt-forgiveness programmes to enable developing countries to come out of the debt trap;
- WAY calls for the immediate and complete lifting of sanctions placed on Zimbabwe by the US and the European Union, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The sanctions are hurting the ordinary people of Zimbabwe and preventing the achievement of the country's economic and social development programmes. WAY further condemns attempts by organisations such as the Kimberly Process Certification Scheme to prevent Zimbabwe from selling her natural resources for the benefit of her people. National youth councils worldwide should therefore petition their governments to ensure that they add their voices to the international appeal for these cold-blooded, unjustifiable, punitive and inhuman sanctions to be lifted;
- On the situation in Sudan, WAY hopes for a successful conclusion of the ongoing Darfur peace talks. We also hope that the January 2011 Referendum in South Sudan/Abyei will yield sustained peace and stability for the region. In that light, we condemn the International Criminal Court's decision to indict Sudanese President, Omar Al-Bashir. This is a politically-motivated indictment that must be condemned with the contempt that it deserves;
- WAY is concerned by the international proliferation of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) which have turned into political and economic mercenaries. Many of these NGOs are responsible for sowing the seeds which result in subversion, internal instability and even international conflicts. We call for all NGOs to desist from political and economic mercenarism;

If we are to achieve world peace, WAY calls for all National Youth Councils, national governments, the United Nations, NGOs and the international community in general, to join hands to lend their support. "YOUTH RISE FOR PEACE!"

V. RESOLUTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

- All WAY members should pay their membership subscriptions on time rather than waiting to pay at the General Assembly;
 - Reminder of payment on constant basis;
 - Use the internet news page to remind member organisation;
- WAY should enter into MOU with the United Nations system and its agencies for allocation of funds to National Youth Councils;
- WAY should develop benefits for member countries so that they appreciate the value of membership;
- WAY should develop capacity-building training in collaboration with World Youth Institute (WYI) for mile distance and online training;
- WAY should establish regional and sub-regional offices. Vice Presidents for various regions should play major role in sensitizing government for support staff to the regional office;
- WAY members should develop inter-linkages and networking amongst themselves;
- WAY should establish monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to ensure attainment of set targets categorizing members according to their performance (Active / Passive);
- WAY should organize meetings for youth ministers and its members;
- Advisory boards of previous WAY leaders (Presidents, Secretary Generals and Executive Committee Members);
- WAY should encourage its members to establish thematic committees depending on the critical issues affecting the country member;
- The internship program in WAY should have special funds set aside to achieve equal participation of all regions;
- WAY should offer consultancy services for youth development projects to be established in member countries;
- WAY should facilitate the national youth councils where they do not exist;
- WAY members organizations should create international policies;
- Member organizations should organize annual events with the assistance of WAY. Each event has to rotationally be hosted in different countries and continents;
- WAY should encourage regional and sub-regional youth councils and organizations to participate;
- WAY request upon developed member countries to sponsor the participation of at least one delegate from poor member countries.

VI. WAY EXECUTIVE OFFICE BEARERS AS ELECTED BY THE ASSEMBLY (2010 TO 2014)

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General Assembly then requested the newly elected Executive Committee Members to appoint the remaining 2 (two) vacant Executive Committee members, in condition that both of whom should be from the region of Latin America and Europe and both of whom must be Female.

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VII. THE THIRD WAY MILLENNIUM PLAN OF ACTION



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
(WAY)**

**THIRD MILLENNIUM PLAN OF ACTION
(MPAC-3)**

2010 - 2014

***“THE CATALYST FOR TRANSFORMATION
AND IMPROVEMENT”***

1. BACKGROUND

Helping youth and youth leaders globally to reach their full potential, is a high priority for WAY. WAY fully recognizes that young people need support to maintain good health and well being, access to education and strong youth community network. Youth are concerned about study, work, health and their future and they want opportunities to have fun and get engaged in culture, sports and recreation. Importantly they want to be safe and feel safe.

In realization of this essential aspect WAY is presenting an overview of new direction and strategies that will be applied subsequently to the fifteenth General Assembly.

WAY has accomplished many milestones since the last Action Plan was issued. WAY's Second Millennium Plan of Action has been use to guide WAY's direction between 2005 and 2010, the theme was "**WAY Towards Millennium Development Goals**", and this was based on the eight core millennium development goals identified by the United Nation member countries to be achieved by 2015.

In WAY's Third Plan of Action for the new direction, the concentration will be more on the current issues affecting youth around the world which are part of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) that was adopted by the United Nations. The focus will also be on reinvigorating WAY and reestablishing the organization to play the required key role in the contribution to youth development around the world. Considerations will also be taken towards the programs and strategies required to achieve the desired planned goals. With that in mind, WAY has chosen "**The Catalyst for Transformation and Improvement**" as the theme for its Third Millennium Plan of Action.

At present, youth are surrounded by various factors affecting their lives, and there is a great need for them to understand the causes and nature of these factors. There is a need to bring awareness and to prepare the youth and youth leaders to work together and make necessary changes in the following issues: Education, Poverty and Hunger, Unemployment, Gender Equality and Women Empowerment, Health and HIV/AIDS, Environment, Leisure time Activities, Global Partnership and other related issues. When we focus on these particular issues and put all our efforts to develop the young people, we will be able to create a better future for the youth globally.

The collaboration of national, regional and international programs must be systematically organized in the implementation of WAY's Third Plan of Action. WAY will develop and organize programs on related themes thus engaging youth and youth leaders, government leaders, parliamentarians, private sector bodies and other potential contributors to assist and participate. Various strategies will be utilized in tackling the youth issues. The variation of how it is to be done will be in accordance to the issues of the affected region. WAY's Third Plan of Action can also be achieved by

working with multilateral partners such as WAY Members, Governments, Youth Organizations and United Nations programs and agencies.

2 THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Goal 1: Achieve Universal Education

Background: Education is the basis for the cultural identity of the individual and society. Every individual has the right to an education and is entitled to satisfy their basic learning needs. The purpose of basic education is to encourage learning, facilitate the ongoing learning process, and promote independent thought and problem-solving. Besides literacy and numeracy, people must also acquire life skills, for example self help skills. A good basic education increases self-confidence and autonomy. Knowledge is a self-determined action and participation.

Statistics: There are 862 million adults and young people worldwide who cannot read and write. Nearly a billion people entered the 21st century unable to read a book or sign their names. Denying people access to education means denying them a basic human right. Without education, human development is impossible. Promoting education is therefore a key task in this action plan.

WAY will take the necessary action to:

- Return 40% of displaced school students aged between 15-19 years old back into the classroom, globally by the year 2014.
- Increase the opportunities of the available seats for students in the universities to 10% by 2014, especially in member countries.
- Ensure the availability of education for both genders globally.

Goal 2: Eradicating Poverty and Hunger

Background: Poverty has various manifestations: hunger and malnutrition; ill health; limited or lack of access to education and other basic services; high mortality from illnesses; homelessness and inadequate housing; unsafe environments; social discrimination and exclusion. A basic education empowers people to improve their social, cultural and economic status. It helps to increase opportunities for economic growth and is therefore a key prerequisite for poverty reduction.

Statistics: Over one billion people in the world today live in unacceptable conditions of poverty and chronic hunger. Almost one billion people go to bed hungry every day. Almost half the world lives on less than \$2.50 a day. Every 3.6 seconds, 1 person dies of starvation.

WAY will take the necessary action to:

- Reduce by 30%, the number of people living in extreme poverty conditions globally by 2014.
- Reduce by 30%, the number of people who suffer from hunger and malnutrition, globally by 2014.
- Ensure that youth and youth leaders play their role in combating extreme poverty and hunger, especially in member countries.

Goal 3: Unemployment

Background: Unemployment occurs when people are without jobs and they have actively looked for work within the past four weeks and in several countries, it takes a longer period of time getting employed.

Statistics: More than 160 million people in the world today are unemployed. Nearly 40 percent of them are youth, resulting in them becoming economically unstable, and thus cause the spread of the social ills among young people and the probability of the increase in crime.

WAY will take the necessary action to:

- Decrease 10% of the unemployment rates globally by the year 2014.
- Train the young people in entrepreneurship programs and assist them in establishing small business enterprises.
- Work together with member countries to develop skills that will create and provide employment opportunities.

Goal 4: Gender Equality and Women Empowerment

Background: Discrimination against females is grounded in a series of traditions and norms based on the assumption that biological difference between females and males justify that females are denied access to rights, opportunity and voice. Employment opportunities continue to be biased towards females with males being favored in terms of salaries, promotions and opportunities for advancement. All these hamper the attainment of the full potential of the female. Other challenges include violence against females as well as attitude and values towards them.

Statistics: Two thirds of the world's illiterate population is female and the discrimination against women can also be seen in the employment statistics; unemployed women are only two thirds that of men.

WAY will take the necessary action to:

- Globally reduce gender disparity in the work place by 10%
- Achieve gender equality in education, work force and community by 2014.
- Empower women to participate actively at all levels within the community.

Goal 5: Health & HIV/ AIDS, Malaria and other diseases

Background: The HIV/AIDS epidemic is increasingly a problem of youth, especially in parts of the developing world. Governments have noted with grave concern the fact that new HIV infections are heavily concentrated among youth and that there is a lack of information available to help them to understand the issue. Although a breakthrough has taken place for other diseases, chronic diseases are still taking lives, especially among young people.

Statistics: Over 40 million people have died due to the infection of HIV/AIDS. Nearly 40% of the world's population is living with the risk of contracting Malaria. Every second, an individual is affected with Tuberculosis. Every year there are 350–500 million cases of Malaria, with 1 million fatalities.

WAY will take the necessary action to:

- Raise awareness among young people of the dangers and disastrous impact that HIV/AIDS has globally.
- Reduce 10% of the death rate resulting from HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases.
- Encourage all members to organize programs to combat the causes of those deadly diseases or pandemics.

Goal 6: Ensure Environmental Sustainability

Background: The youth have both concerns and special responsibilities in relation to the environment. A number of environmental risks and hazards have affected young people. There is a need for young people to engage in action and activism that can generate effective responses to ecological

challenges. There are so many challenges pertinent to the changes in the world environment; for example, global warming, climate change, deforestation and pollution.

Statistics: In mainly developed countries, up to 90% of all forest has disappeared to urbanization and agriculture, and the rest of the world is following the same path up to 80%. In summation, human development has cost the world 80% of the forests, leading to a climate change that is expected to get much worse and pick up pace and those species who can't adapt including ourselves will face extinction. Two million people die yearly, 6000 a day from preventable infection spread by dirty water or improper sanitation facilities.

WAY will take the necessary action to:

- Create public awareness on the importance of the sustainable development and its effect on the young people.
- Reduce by 20% the effect of environmental degradation globally by 2014.
- Maintain environmental integrity among members by increasing responsibility towards achieving sustainable access to safe drinking water.

Goal 7: Leisure time activities

Background: In every culture, there are hours in the day when young people are not formally required to be in school or engaged in household or paid work. They choose to be involved in various activities, and there are public and private programs, organizations and individuals who support their participation. It is understood that work and leisure do complement each other towards the development of young people and their communities.

Statistics: Leisure time does offer a wide and positive range of outcomes when accomplished properly. These may include: social or emotional development, vocational development, physical development, cognitive development and civic development.

WAY will take the necessary action to:

- Increase youth involvement by 40% in youth development centers.
- Ensure that 50% of young people are participating in voluntary work.
- Encourage its members to organize activities that will help to build the youth in mind, body and spirit.

Goal 8: Develop a global partnership for development

Background: In every region of the world there are now initiatives, projects and programs that encourage active engagement of young people to have full and effective participation of youth in society and decision-making.

Statistics: Aid is increasingly focused on the poorest countries, with the least developed countries receiving about a third of donors' total aid flows. Official development assistance stands at 0.31 per cent of the combined national income of developed countries, still far short of the 0.7 per cent UN target. Only five donor countries have reached or exceeded the target. Only 1 in 6 people in the developing world has access to the Internet.

WAY will take the necessary action to:

- Provide opportunity for youth involvement on the decision making process to matters pertaining to global partnership for development.
- Involve all member countries to exchange programs to increase development for poverty and debt reduction.
- Increase information technology literacy and make available the benefits that new technology offers to the young people.

Goal 9: Improve Maternal Health

Background: Maternal death and unsafe motherhood primarily results from the lack of comprehensive, reproductive and sexual education and health services. For both biological and social reasons, young mothers are a vulnerable group. Gender-based violence, particularly domestic violence, human trafficking, rape, economically coerced sex and sexual harassment, are among other forms of violence affecting the health of young mothers all over the world.

Statistics: Pregnancy is the leading cause of death for girls age 15-19 in the developing world. While as the maternal mortality is twice as high for female of the ages 15-19 than those of 20-29. More than 50 million women suffer from poor reproductive health and serious pregnancy-related illnesses and disabilities. Half a million of women die every year from complications of pregnancy and child birth.

WAY will take the necessary action to:

- Provide medical assistance to young mothers to help reduce the mortality ratio by 10%.

- Establish awareness programs and produce publication to assist young people to lessen unsafe motherhood.
- Request all member countries to create and fund facilities for single young mothers.

Goal 10: Youth Participation in Decision Making Process.

Background: Youth participation is basically the active and meaningful involvement of young people in various activities within their communities that have a bearing to their well-being. The basis of participation, being that they are free to involve themselves in the social and developmental process and that self involvement is active, voluntary and informed. A form of youth participation is youth-adult partnership, in which adults work in full partnership with young people on issues facing youth and/or on programs and policies affecting youth.

Statistics: Youth have been involved in creating policies on different related issues globally. From those policies, laws have been created and implemented nationally.

WAY will take the necessary action to:

- Increase participation and involvement of young people on decision making processes in various aspects of the community at large.
- Request member countries to appreciate and accommodate the suggestions and ideas brought forward by the young people.
- Demand the society to value and act upon the ideas brought forward by the young people for the benefit of their countries.

2. IMPLEMENTATION OF WAY'S THIRD MILLENNIUM PLAN OF ACTION

Proper organization, hard work, group effort, and commitment are the required ingredients to make WAY's Third Millennium Action Plan to succeed. The implementation strategies will need to be in accordance with the capabilities of national youth councils and youth organizations to make certain that those goals can be achieved to its fullest.

All programs, projects, campaigns, conferences, seminars and trainings that will be put into operation will involve all members of WAY and will ensure that the Third Millennium Plan of Action meets its desired goals by 2014.

The following programs will be organized by WAY between 2010 to 2014.

➤ At National level:

- Create national partnerships between National Youth Councils and local governments, private sectors and UN agencies.
- Publication of annual National Youth Reports on Progress of WAY's Third Millennium Plan of Action.
- Involve the Ministries of Youth in the implementation of the Third Millennium Plan of Action.
- Setting up national youth committees to monitor the progress and the implementation of the Third Millennium Plan of Action.
- Organizing events to bring awareness among young people concerning the Third Millennium Plan of Action.

➤ At Regional level:

- Collaboration between the national youth councils at the same region on implementing WAY's Third Millennium Plan of Action.
- Creating regional partnerships with UN agencies and other multilateral organizations.
- Organizing regional events based on the Third Millennium Plan of Action.
- Developing peer support network among the member countries in each region.

➤ **At International level:**

- Organizing annual events for the National Youth Councils on the Third Millennium Plan of Action.
- Participating in UN and international meetings on World Program of Action for Youth (WPAY).
- Create publications and training manuals on youth and the Third Millennium Plan of Action.

APPENDICES:

Appendix I.

Agenda of the Assembly:

DATE	TIME	AGENDA	VENUE
Sunday 21 Nov	All Day	Arrival and Registration	Kuala Lumpur International Airport - Puteri Resort, Melaka
	2000 hrs	Welcoming Dinner hosted by the Malaysian Youth Council	Puteri Resort, Melaka
Monday 22 Nov	0600 hrs – 0730 hrs	Breakfast	Puteri Resort, Melaka
	0800 hrs	Arrival of Delegates and Invited Guests	
	0820 hrs	Arrival of Ministers and Member of Parliament of Malaysia	
	0830 hrs	Arrival of The Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Mohd Rustam, President of WAY cum Chief Minister of Melaka	
	0845 hrs	Arrival of The Hon. Datuk Dr. S. Subramaniam, Minister of Human Resources, Malaysia	
	0900 hrs	<p>Opening Ceremony:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Address by Mr. Mohamed Maliki Mohamed Rapiee, President of the Malaysian Youth Council • Address by Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Mohd Rustam, President of the World Assembly of Youth • Address by His Excellency Samir Rifai, Prime Minister of Jordan • Opening Address by Hon. Datuk Dr. S. Subramaniam, Minister of Human Resources, Malaysia • Presentation of Souvenirs • Photo Session 	
	1040 hrs	Press Conference / Tea Break	
	1130 hrs	<p>Peace Session I : Panel Presentations “Global Peace Challenge”</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ “Role of Youth in Cultivating Peace Cross Culturally in Education”, Dr. Mohamed Salleh, UNU-International Institute for 	

		<p>Global Health, Malaysia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ “The Role and Dynamism of Youth Leadership in Promoting Peace and Development”, Prof. Ranganathan J., National Institute for Peace and Development, India ➤ “Climate Change: A challenge to Peace”, Mr. Anthony Tan Kee Huat, Center for Environment, Technology and Development, Malaysia ➤ “Peace and Harmony”, Ven. Mugunuwela Anurudhha Thero, World Buddhist Sangha, Sri Lanka ➤ “IIFSO: Role in Peace” Mr. Ahmed Abd El Atti, International Islamic Federation of Student Organisations, Turkey ➤ “Youth Rise for Peace Through Non-Violence”, Mrs. Rhonda Dikoko, USA ➤ “The Road to Peace Through the Empowerment of youth Leadership” Hon. Pohamba Shifeta, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Namibia ➤ “International Youth Policy for World Peace”, Lee Kwan Meng, International Youth Center, Malaysia 				
	1300 hrs	Lunch Break				
	1400 hrs	<p>General Assembly Session I : Messages, Agenda, Reports & Committee Formation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Delivery of Statements of Solidarity, Messages from Head of State and Governments and from friendly Organisations ➤ Adoption of the General Assembly Agenda ➤ Report of Activities 2005-2010 ➤ Formation of the Credentials Committee ➤ Formation of the Election Committee ➤ Formation of Political, Administrative and Development Commissions 				
	1700 hrs	Break (Credentials Committee Meeting)				
	2000 hrs	Dinner				
Tuesday 23 Nov	0600 hrs – 0730 hrs	Breakfast	Puteri Resort, Melaka			

	0830 hrs	Arrival of Delegates and Invited Guests	
	0900 hrs	<p>Peace Session II : Panel Presentations <i>“Role of National Youth Councils in Meeting the Global Peace Challenge”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ “The Youth Role for World Peace – A case in Korea”, Ms. Somi Kim, The National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea, Korea ➤ “Role of National Youth Councils in Meeting Global Peace Challenge”, Mr. Ernesto Kesar, WAY Vice President (Caribbean), Trinidad and Tobago ➤ “Youth Rise for Peace: Myanmar Youths Bridging for Peace and Humanity” Ms. Kyi Kyi Seinn, Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association, Myanmar ➤ "Young Europeans’ Role in Creation of a Peaceful World" Mr. Dejan Bojkovski, Macedonian Youth Council, Macedonia ➤ “Role of National Youth Councils in Meeting Global Peace Challenge”, Hon. Aiyamenkhue Edokpolo, National Youth Council, Nigeria ➤ “The Role of Youth in Peace Building”, Mr. Pradip Pariyar, Association of Youth Organisations, Nepal ➤ “The Roles of Youth and Students Toward National Issues and Sudan as an Example", Mr. Ghazi Babiker Himeida, General Sudanese Students Union, Sudan ➤ “Role of National Youth Councils in Meeting the Global Peace Challenge”, Mr. Alhaj Mohammad Fazlul Haque, National Youth Organisations, Bangladesh 	
	1100 hrs	Tea Break	
	1115 hrs	<p>Peace Session III : Workshop</p> <p>“Developing Regional Action Plan on Meeting the Peace Challenge”</p>	
	1300 hrs	Lunch Break	
	1400 hrs	<p>General Assembly Session II: Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Receive and Adopt the Report of the Credentials Committee ➤ Receive and Adopt Reports by Vice 	

		Presidents, Executive Committee Members and Secretary General	
	1700 hrs	Break	
	2000 hrs	Dinner	
Wednesday 24 Nov	0600 hrs – 0730 hrs	Breakfast	Puteri Resort, Melaka
	0830 hrs	Arrival of Delegates and Invited Guests	
	0900 hrs	General Assembly Session III : Commission Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Political Commission ➤ Administrative Commission ➤ Development Commission 	
	1000 hrs	General Assembly Session IV : Commission Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Receive and Adopt Reports from Political, Administrative and Development Commissions ➤ Formation of Drafting Committee 	
	1100 hrs	Tea Break	
	1115 hrs	General Assembly Session V : Elections and Plan of Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Receive and Adopt Report of the Elections Committee ➤ Elections of Office Bearers for 2010-2014 ➤ Presentation of Millennium Plan of Action III by the Secretary General 	
	1300 hrs	Lunch	
	1400 hrs	Peace Session III : Panel Presentation & Adoption of Declaration Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Regional Representatives Present Workshop Reports ➤ Adoption of Declaration and WAY Action Plan on Meeting the Peace Challenge 	
	1700 hrs	Break	
	1930 hrs	Dinner	
	2100 hrs	Tour to River Cruise	Melaka

Thursday 25 Nov	0600 hrs – 0730 hrs	Breakfast	Puteri Resort, Melaka
	0800 hrs	Arrival of Delegates and Invited Guests	
	0830 hrs	General Assembly Session VI: Closing Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Adoption of 15th General Assembly Declaration ➤ Address by the Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth ➤ Address by the President of the World Assembly of Youth 	
	1300 hrs	Lunch	
	1400 hrs	Cultural Performance from Local and Countries Present	
	1700 hrs	Break	
	1930 hrs	Depart from Hotel to Dewan Seri Negeri	
	2000 hrs	Closing Ceremony / Gala Dinner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcoming Address by President of World Assembly of Youth, Hon. Datuk Ir. Idris Haron - Address by Former President of World Assembly of Youth, Mr. Ole Loevig Simonsen - Closing Ceremony by the Chief Minister of Melaka cum Former President of World Assembly of Youth, Rt. Hon. Datuk Mohd Ali bin Rustam - Certificate & Award Presentation - Souvenir Presentation - Photo Session <p>Dinner hosted by the Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Mohd Rustam, Chief Minister of Melaka</p>	
Friday 26 Nov	0600 hrs – 0730 hrs	Breakfast	Puteri Resort, Melaka
	0800 hrs	Depart from Hotel to Pahlawan Square	Melaka
	0900 hrs	Walk on Youth Rise for Peace around Pahlawan Square	Pahlawan Square
	1000 hrs	Tour in Melaka	Melaka

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Taming Sari Tower - Palace Museum - Samudera Museum 	
	1300 hrs	Lunch	Melaka
	1430 hrs	Tour in Melaka <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Victoria Fountain - Youth Museum - Ethnography Museum - Other Museums - Harmony Street - Melaka Zoo 	Melaka
	1900 hrs	Break	Puteri Resort, Melaka
	2000 hrs	Farwell Party / Dinner	Puteri Resort, Melaka
Saturday 27 Nov	All Day	Departures	Puteri Resort, Melaka - KLIA

Appendices II. Report of Secretariat:

REPORT BY WAY ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL, MS. EDIOLA PASHOLLARI

The present report highlight a number of significant milestones that had taken place in the work of World Assembly of Youth (WAY) as the international coordinating body of national youth councils and organizations since the last XIV General Assembly in Namibia.

The WAY General Assembly in Windhoek, Namibia in 2005 was catalyst in binding and strengthening the organisation in its partnership and communication with members under its umbrella. At the last General Assembly over 300 delegates and observers from various National Youth Councils, Youth Organisations and Youth Leaders attended and participated in the programme and workshops.

The newly elected Executive Committee of WAY adopted the theme for the Second Millennium Plan of Action (MPAC-2): **“WAY Towards Millennium Development Goals.”** This is based on the eight core millennium development goals adopted by the United Nations. UN member states resolved to achieve these goals by the year 2015. This theme also allows WAY to work closely with a wide range of partners, with youth communities in counties around the world.

One significant event that took place was the completion USD\$2 million dollar building for WAY headquarters as it moves into the new **World Youth Complex** in Melaka, Malaysia. In the complex we also have two other wings, namely the World Youth Institute and the World Youth Foundation. Few other local organizations have also found their place under our roof.

This complex is now recognized as the main strategic work place for youth development. It is from here that we work for the promotion of youth and youth organizations in program areas such as: youth employment, environment, human rights, democracy, population, health, drugs, community development and leadership training are carried out.

Apart from the headquarters, we have developed two other buildings, the WAY Hostel and World Youth Hotel. The WAY Hostel has been utilized for local youths attending learning institutions in Melaka. While as the Hotel will definitely be beneficial to those that will attend all upcoming events of WAY headquarters.

Upon coming into office as the Acting Secretary General of WAY, I was given the torch to carry through the vision that was created and founded in 1949. In this report, you will see the advancement and progress that had taken place. One of which is a program I had envisioned, that would greatly benefit WAY in its advancement of programs in all the regions of the world that WAY is involved in.

The **WAY Volunteer Program** was established to seek and develop a dedicated corps of young people who will be willing to assist in WAY programmes and activities around the world. Recruitment and selection of each volunteer were done critically. The criteria for selection were based on their skills, abilities, talents, availability and most of all a willingness to serve the communities of youth at a given event. Their training preparations consists of working at events, organizations, responses to disaster and communication cross culturally.

Presently, there are over four hundred plus volunteers in the age of 20-35 in the database from different parts of the world. Indeed this program has proved its effectiveness as when the Tsunami and other earthquake disasters hit the nation of Indonesia. Assistance was also rendered to the victims of China earthquake and the flooding of Myanmar and the struggles of Palestine. WAY extended its relief efforts to the victims through the provision of goods, financial aids and medical supplies.

In order to create awareness to the role of WAY in combating and addressing youth issues, and providing source of information to its members worldwide a **website** (<http://www.way.org.my>) was created and developed. Monthly bulletins, reports and other youth related publication are posted in the websites to report events and meetings held on youth issues around the globe.

A **social network** on the internet was initiated both on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/World-Assembly-of-Youth/106962109342582>) and Yahoo (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WorldYouth/>). The WAY and WAY Headquarters Facebook network each has a membership of one thousand three hundred (1300) friends or followers and the World Youth Groups in Yahoo has over ten thousands (10,000) in its membership and still growing worldwide. Those social networks have permitted youth leaders and member's easy access to give and get information and be in contact on matters related to youth issues and events.

Due to the necessity of close communication and educating its members, WAY headquarters has revived **WAY Publishing House**. Since its revival WAY has published various books, e-news, monthly bulletins, press releases, reports, event programme books, etc.

To enable close communication among its members, WAY has published “National Youth Council Directory “so that effective partnership in addressing youth issues can be tackled. The need to address and alert young people concerning the dangers of drugs and the onslaught of HIV/AIDS pandemic, has given grounds for WAY to published two books entitled “World Responses to the HIV/AIDS Pandemic and the “Role of Youth in Drug Abuse”. In conjunction with WAY 60th Anniversary Celebration, a book full of the life’s journey of WAY and its role in the global youth issues and milestone of memories from the pioneers of WAY to its present torch bearers was also published entitled “WAY 60th Anniversary: A Journey from London to Melaka”.

From the responses that WAY headquarters has received from its members, the realization for education, training and development programmes, the **World Youth Institute** was formed. Since its inception WYI has conducted seven (7) Executive Certificate Programs in collaboration with local and international universities. The programs have brought in young people from more than twenty different countries to come and be trained. The topics presented were in the areas of Tourism Management, International Relations and Diplomacy, Leadership and Communications Skills, Entrepreneurship Development, Leadership and Society Program.

The role of WAY has become increasingly significant in the new Millennium, as challenges facing the youth are continuing to hinder development. WAY has had the privilege of creating different **local, regional and international events** to guide, combat issues, educate and to bring awareness to its members globally. These events are held as a one off or annually.

One of the main annual events of WAY that brings together youth from various backgrounds to engage in a dialogue on pertinent global youth issues is the Melaka International Youth Dialogue. This year WAY celebrated its 10th Anniversary. Each year the theme chosen for this global event is selected by taking into considerations the crucial concerns facing the youth community. Empowerment and strengthening of the role of the National Youth Councils was also elaborated. Pertinent issues that are fundamental to the youth were chosen as themes, such as Developing Human Capital; Youth and Tourism; Towards a Drug Free Generation; Youth and Gender Equality; Youth Leadership Power and its Influence to the Society. Since its inception thousands of youth leaders, youth councils and its members were challenged, encouraged and empowered in the Dialogues.

Other annual global events that WAY supported and conducted during this time were the United Nations designated events, such as: International Youth Day; International Women's Day; World Health Day; World Environment Day; International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking; World Population Day; International Day for the Eradication of Poverty; United Nations Day; World AIDS Day; International Volunteers Persons; Human Rights Day, etc.

One of WAY's aimed has been to have more seminars, workshops and forums at the national, sub regional, regional and international level to promote cooperation and education. It is with this mandate that WAY was able to administrate many programs, such as: Caribbean Youth Dialogue in Trinidad and Tobago; Global Youth Entrepreneurship Forum "ICT and Small Business Development" in Indonesia; ICT for Education and Development in Afghanistan; Global Innovation Forum for Education and Development in Armenia; WAY Southern African Consultative Meeting in South Africa; Seminar on Mahatma Gandhi's Philosophy on Peace "Lessons for the World" in Malaysia; International Seminar on "Youth Organisations as a Non Formal Learning Institution" in Malaysia; International Youth Forum: "Role of Youth Towards Poverty Eradication" in Libya; 21st International Youth Forum "The Role of Youth for Achieving the Cairo Agenda" in Korea; World Heritage Conference "Creating Successful & Sustainable Heritage Tourism" in Malaysia; Course / Workshop for Up-and-Coming Trainers on Imparting Noble Values "Trainers as an Agent for Development" in Malaysia; Seminar cum Workshop on Youth NGOs as Social Entrepreneurs in Malaysia; International Conference on Engaging Youth in Crime Prevention in Malaysia, etc.

There was much collaboration with youth organisations, such as: Malaysian Youth Council, National Youth Council of Namibia, Trinidad Youth Council, National Youth Council of Indonesia; National Council of Youth Organisations in Korea, National Organisation of Libyan Youth, International Youth Center, Asian Youth Council, Committee on ASEAN Youth Cooperation and others that had allowed a variety of events to emerged.

The true essence of what WAY is all about which is the solidarity, the unity and the steadfast passion in which both, past and present leadership view and work together with regards to youth issues and development, was clearly evident at the **60th Anniversary of WAY** last December. Over 50 countries were represented to celebrate the Anniversary with the theme "One Youth-One World: We are the World". For many that had traveled far and wide for this memorable occasion It was a time of reflection as to the many events, programs, dialogues, discussions, that brought WAY thus far. It was

also during this time that the awarding of the 5th Prime Minister of Malaysia-WAY World Youth Awards took place.

One of the biggest triumph WAY had experienced in the last few years is the renewing and rebuilding of a strong partnership and relationship with the **United Nations and its agencies**. This reestablishment has given the opportunity to have WAY's event be recorded and published in UN's publications. WAY continue to maintain its consultative status with ECOSOC, UN, WHO, DPI, UNAIDS, UNEP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNCTAD, etc.

Another accomplishment of WAY was the development of new relationship with the United Nations Programme on Youth (UN Youth Unit), where all the declarations, reports, events and publications are published with them and made available to their network. In my capacity as Acting Secretary General of WAY has allowed me to be a youth leader working with the initiative of United Nations called the Global Alliance for Information and Communication Technologies and Development (UNGAID) for the development of ICT among youth. This opportunity has permitted WAY to be involved alongside UN in educating young people in the area of ICT.

Many new relationships have been established as well as collaboration has also been renewed. One of them is with the European Youth Union. Recently, in China, there was an opportunity for WAY at a meeting with the EYF President to renew their involvement with each other, so that new collaboration can be plan for the benefits of youth in both regions. I truly believed that there will be exciting happenings in the future through this partnership.

One of the most proudest and prominent achievements was the **5th WAY-Prime Minister of Malaysia World Youth Award**. The award is given to youth organisation at the national level that has made excellent, noteworthy and effective contributions in national youth *development*. These are the winners; 1st Place – National Council of Youth Organisations in Korea; 1st Runner Up – National Youth Council of Namibia and 2nd Runner Up – National Organsiation of Libyan Youth. World Youth Award for Exemplary and Visionary Leadership during his time in WAY was presented to former president of WAY, Mr. Ole Lovig Simonsen of Denmark. Other Awards was also presented to outstanding individuals who have contributed to the advancement of the cause of young people and inspire them.

Due to the lack of involvement and visionary leadership, there are a few **National Youth Councils** that have disrupted the programmes for youth development, in some of these youth organisations they have become passive and the result is the declination of support on youth work. WAY needs to take definitive actions in infusing and encouraging the grassroots leadership of these organisations. A thorough evaluation must be conducted so that the proper and constructive decisions could be made to revive them.

WAY has just celebrated its 60th Anniversary and with that coming of age, there are many essential details, information, documentation, pictures that have been collected. It is therefore imperative that all of this data be well kept, so that the future youth generation will be able to look back and truly appreciate the sacrifices and hard work that has brought WAY to where it is now. With that important heritage that WAY has, an **archive** is now put into action so that all types of media and data are well kept from the past to the present. This will greatly help WAY and its members to ensure that the historical lifelines of WAY are accurately archived and achieved.

In the complex, plans are underway to set up the **WAY Library**. Being the provider of resources to its members, is another necessary element that WAY wants to grow in its development as a living organism. The existence of this resource center or library is to make available to all young people in their pursuit of answers, assistance, information and data for them. This will help to empower them as they approach to a place of leadership globally.

The **membership fees** for WAY have been reduced to make it easier for members to pay their membership subscription fees, but sad to say that majority of WAY members still continued to default in this area. As a result, we have had to depend on UN, governmental and private donations to carry on the work of the secretariat and the many events that are held.

We are ever so grateful to the President of WAY, Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Mohd Rustam who has continued to help mobilize and raise the resources needed for the professional running of the secretariat.

Appendix III. Messages and Addresses:

OPENING SPEECH BY HON. DR. YB DATUK DR. S.SUBRAMANIAM, MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES, MALAYSIA – OPENING CEREMONY

Honourable Ministers herepresent,
Honourable Members of Parliament herepresent,
Excellencies Ambassadors and High Commissioners,
Government Officials,
WAY Vice Presidents, Secretary General and Executive Committee Members,
WAY members,
Invited Guests,
Ladies & Gentlemen,
It gives me great pleasure

I wish to thank the World Assembly of Youth or WAY for inviting me to declare open the XV General Assembly in this beautiful and historic city of Melaka, which coincidentally is the head office of WAY. To all our foreign guests, I bid you Selamat Datang or Welcome to Malaysia.

I am happy to note that since its inception in 1949, WAY has risen to the expectations of the youths all over the world under the leadership of the Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam. Not only has he brought development and pride to the people and the state of Melaka, he has also engineered the success of WAY to be an organization that promotes global cooperation and understanding among young people of the world. I take this opportunity to congratulate him for successfully steering this organization to the point of having its headquarters right here in Melaka.

The theme of this year's general assembly, "Youth Rise for Peace" signifies the movement's hope of building a generation of peace-loving people. Youths can only realize their full potential in a peaceful environment. Today, we find that in many communities across the world, young people live in fear for their lives, with little prospect of a peaceful, prosperous future, or a voice in decisions that affect them. Peace is precious. It must be nurtured, maintained, defended.

I wish to call upon the younger generation to share your thoughts and ideas in finding a global solutions to the global problems of injustice; poverty and hunger; environmental degradation. We need your creative mindsets to achieve lasting world peace. As leaders, we will have to hear and understand your hopes and dreams because it is you, the youths of today who will carry the torch of peace, and make the world a better place to live.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Peace is prerequisite for nation building. Without peace, nations cannot reach their full potential, they cannot consolidate their achievements. Peace relates to social well being, to ethnic, racial, religious tolerance and freedom, to justice, to harmony between humans and their natural environment, and much more. Countries like Malaysia have understood that sustainable peace is inextricably linked to sustainable development.

We have mooted the One Malaysia concept which is akin to a peace movement. The One Malaysia is a political and social programme designed by our Prime Minister, the Hon. Dato' Sri Najib Tun Razak, calling for all Malaysians to strongly emphasize ethnic harmony, national unity, and efficient governance. It stresses national unity and ethnic tolerance. The values of One Malaysia are perseverance, a culture of excellence, acceptance, loyalty, education, humility, integrity, and meritocracy.

Inter cultural dialogue is an everyday fact of life for Malaysians who are made up of different cultural and religious background. Our country's founding fathers chose independence for our nation by using integration rather than assimilation as a national policy to manage race relations and to forge a new nation. It was a conscious choice much criticised when it was taken but ultimately vindicated by history. We have evolved from merely tolerating diversity to acceptance and now finally the apex of this mindset is celebrating diversity as a source of national strength rather than a source of conflict.

Malaysians have come to accept the One Malaysia philosophy which is predicated on mutual trust and respect between all communities. Our clarion call for Malaysia is 1Dream, 1People, and 1Nation. We believe it is the right formula not only for national harmony but it is also appropriate towards enhancing regional and global peace. Therefore, the next logical extension of this national philosophy would be the concept of 1Region and ultimately 1World.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

There are three major challenges that currently confront the international community which need to be collectively met and overcome. First, the challenge of ensuring a durable peace, a just and equitable peace, not just peace for our time, but, peace for all times. A peace premised upon a covenant of the willing and not one of enforced by way of hegemony through fear and coercion. Such peace can only come into existence if we are willing to constructively engage each other through dialogue. Ignorance, fear, prejudice and apathy left unchecked is fertile ground for breeding hatred, extremism, fatalism and fanaticism, the root causes of what ill the world today.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Many countries around the world are progressing for peace and balanced development, but unfortunately some are struggling and stumbling. While number of armed conflicts between countries has declined, the number of conflicts within countries increased in

recent years. Time and again we see internal disputes spiraling out of control, degenerating into violence, endangering the lives of innocent people, sometimes even jeopardizing the very existence of nations.

We must not wait for our young people to grow up before listening to them on important matters such as world peace. We must create space to hear them here and now.

More than 2600 years ago, the famous Chinese Philosopher Lao-tse said, "If there is to be peace in the world, there must be peace in nations. If there is to be peace in nations, there must be peace in cities. If there is to be peace in cities, there must be peace between neighbors. If there is to be peace between neighbors, there must be peace in the home. If there is to be peace in the home, there must be peace in the heart."

When the goal of peace seems still a distant cry, we find strength in the wisdom that peace begins at home, in ourselves; that peace is not the sole prerogative of statesmen, but also the cumulative result of each of our thoughts and actions.

Today, as we gather in our assembly of peace, let us resolve to cultivate peace, to promote peace, and to raise its awareness.

With those words, it give me great pleasure to declare open the XV General Assembly of the World Assembly of Youths.

Thank you.

**SPEECH BY RT. HON. DATUK SERI MOHD ALI BIN MOHD RUSTAM, PRESIDENT OF THE
WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH – OPENING CEREMONY**

Honourable Ministers herepresent,
Honourable Members of Parliament herepresent,
Excellencies Ambassadors and High Commissioners,
Government Officials,
WAY Vice Presidents, Secretary General and Executive Committee Members,
WAY members,
Invited Guests,
Ladies & Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to start by expressing my deep thanks and appreciation to all participants for your presence here at the XV General Assembly of the World Assembly of Youth here at its headquarters in Melaka, Malaysia.

As the President of WAY, I sincerely welcome all Delegates, Observers and Speakers to this crucial event in the work and role of WAY locally and globally and as the Chief Minister of Melaka, I welcome you to this wonderful State that had just been declared as Successful State 2010.

As I reflect on the progress of this State, I also reflected on the success and the challenges that WAY had to face since the last General Assembly that was held in Namibia. There have been many great and magnificent landmarks that WAY has achieved in its promoting its program, activities, implementing new technology, encouraging and supporting National Youth Councils around the world.

We have new buildings, World Youth Complex, that holds not only the Secretariat staff of WAY, but also the World Youth Institute, World Youth Foundation, World Youth Hotel, World Youth Hostel, and other local organisations.

You may agree with me that this General Assembly has a special importance as we proceed through in the twenty first century with all its challenges. As today's youth are tomorrow's leaders signifies that the fruits of our assembly is in real fact a preparation for the future generations to take the lead.

It might sound a repetition to say that the world is now a global village, yet it is a reality that calls for us to approach youth issues with a global collective vision as far as education, health, employment and participation in the comprehensive development of the societies are concerned.

Undoubtedly, youth stands for the most important element of human wealth. Hence, each nation depends on its youth to realize its aims, ambitions and development programmes at all the cultural, social and economic levels. We need to get our youth to

be ready to face all that is before them, the visible reality and the hidden scenes of the future.

The theme for this General Assembly is “Youth Rise for Peace” is very appropriate as there is enough violence around us daily in every part of the world. No one is exempted from that pain. We need to exhort our youth and lead them another way, it seems right to quote the words of Francis Assisi;

“Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy”.

In all your deliberation please be reminded that our future visions and prospective demands us not to forget yesterday’s experience and achievements in order to create a better future. Any future decision must not jump the past or the present with all its dimensions. Just a little while ago WAY celebrated its 60th Anniversary and what a celebration it was, journeying into the beginning from 1949 to 2009. What an exciting accomplishments of dreams being fulfilled and still being carried through.

The race that started back in London, have had many stops in different spots of the world before being here now in Melaka, Malaysia. The torch or baton is now ready to be put on in the hand of the next group of leaders, runners and as the race continues on. They will need to be ready to light the torch around the globe, pursuing the needful matters and issues that concerns our youth.

There have to be continuous efforts from all involved in every nation to make the process of youth rising for peace becoming a reality. Our passion should be that we too experience that peace now and then leave a legacy of peace so that they can continue on with it. Life experiences are not taught in the classroom but in living it through a positive example.

Let us put aside any hidden agendas and focus on being a provider of knowledge, experience, strength, encouragement and truly help to get our youth, the young people of the world to be ready to not only face the future but embrace the future with the message of peace.

There are indeed many great things ahead of us all, especially the youth. Our efforts required a clear and defined international strategy that can help in paving the way to achieve its ends, and also to monitor and evaluate the progress. We must work hand in hand locally and globally, paying close attention to the voice of youth and the issues facing them.

We need to have a clear vision of their needs and make available programs, events, training, seminar and dialogues that will bring their concerns to the front. WAY will

continue to be a lighthouse for Youth Councils, Youth Organizations and youth themselves helping to chart and navigate the path for generations to come.

It is our duty as youth leaders and youth of today to take advantage of all the opportunities that we can get to develop ourselves and gain more knowledge and help gear other youth towards leadership. I would like to believe that everyone in this room is destined for something greater than themselves.

That is why I would like to encourage everyone to take into heart all of the things you will hear and learn. May those thoughts and suggestion help you realize what you are capable of, and the many things that you can make a difference in your own way.

As the saying goes “a thousand mile journey begins with a step”. May your efforts to be here right now be a step forward into realizing your goals. And may it be a step up as well for you to take the challenge for you to be the leader you are meant to be!

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all involved in helping us gather here today for this exciting event. There are many cultural diversity presented here today and yet we all have the same need: to be heard and given the opportunity to change our world and influence the society.

I wish you fruitful deliberations and great success in the outcome of this assembly.

Thank you for your kind attention.

WELCOMING SPEECH BY MR. MOHAMED MALIKI MOHAMED RAPIEE, PRESIDENT OF MALAYSIAN YOUTH COUNCIL – OPENING CEREMONY

Assalamualaikum and a very good morning.

Excellencies Ambassadors and High Commissioners,
Government Officials,
WAY Vice Presidents, Secretary General and Executive Committee Members,
WAY members,
Invited Guests,
Ladies & Gentlemen,

First of all, I wish to thank the secretariat World Assembly of Youth (WAY) for inviting me to deliver a few words in this gathering. As the main body representing the youth in Malaysia, Malaysian Youth Council is extremely proud of WAY for successfully organizing the Fifteenth WAY General Assembly which starts today until the 26th November 2010. I would also like to welcome and wish "Selamat Datang" to all WAY leaders and the entire delegation comprising of 120 organizations of the National Youth Council coming from all over the world. I hope this gathering would offer us the opportunity to share and discuss matters related to youth development across the various regions in the world.

Youths today are the largest group of people in each country. Hence, the existence and role of the parent bodies of youth in a country is very important and cannot be ignored. Therefore, the gathering of representatives from the national governing body for the youth that make up today's WAY would be very significant and give an impact to the development of communities around the world over. In this context of the international community, there are many issues of importance that need deliberation and discussion. For example, the issues presented under the United Nations Organization such as the Millennium Development Goals, MDG. We realize the rationale of the MDGs is still very far from our achievement, yet the time for completion and its implementation is approaching us soon in year 2015. Other issues that surrounding us today, are the epidemic diseases phenomenon, global warming and the activities threatening mankind that is human trafficking. As a body representing the group expose very close to the aforesaid issues, it is necessary for WAY to play a more integrated and active role.

Malaysian Youth council also realizes that to mobilise a large organization such as WAY, it requires not only a continuous source of effort, but an active and efficient administration. Hence it also needs a committed leadership as well as having interest in a voluntary organisation such as this.

Malaysian Youth Council is therefore very proud of our country in having YAB Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam a leader who is committed to youth development. He is also the President of WAY and Melaka Chief Minister. He has established a good benchmark in

administration and developed a strong networking relationship among the youth leaders all over the world.

More significant is his willingness to establish the focus of youth development in collaboration with the development of Melaka state. His sincere efforts have shown to us where now we can see a building exclusively for administration owned by WAY in this state. As a former president of Malaysian Youth Council, the success and excellent work of YAB Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam has improved the credibility of Malaysian Youth Council and the nation. I appeal for a thunderous applause to YAB Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam, our beloved WAY president.

We are all informed that YAB Datuk Seri Ali has decided to relinquish the position of WAY president even though we hope that he would continue to hold the position. However, the Malaysian Youth Council and members of youths in this country would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to YAB Datuk Seri Mohd Ali for his commitment and contribution to youth developments at the national and international levels.

At the same time, Malaysian Youth council hopes WAY will continue its function by developing networking and to nurture understanding and practice democracy to the community of the world. Hence, as such, Malaysian Youth Council would like to nominate YB Datuk Idris Haron, who is currently the Chairman of the International Relations Committee and a member of Supreme Council of Malaysian Youth Council who incidentally also has a diversity of experience in the field of politics, administration, youth organizations and professional bodies to assume the position of the new president of WAY. The Malaysian Youth Council is confident that he can effectively lead WAY to the next higher level.

Lastly, I once again wish all delegates for a lively conference to the end. Hopefully, our desired goal in the theme "Youth Rise for Peace" will be attained. Malaysian Youth Council will continue to provide support and commitment in ensuring WAY the excellence and significant to the development of youth around the world.

Thank You.

WELCOMING SPEECH BY HON. DATUK IR. IDRIS HARON, PRESIDENT OF WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH – CLOSING CEREMONY

Excellencies Ambassadors and High Commissioners,
Government Officials,
WAY Vice Presidents, Secretary General and Executive Committee Members,
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Ladies & Gentlemen,

Assalamualaikum and a good evening,

Firstly I would like to thank everybody that has supported me throughout, it is really an honour for me to be a part and lead WAY for the exiting times ahead.

I would like to thank my predecessor for his dedicated contribution and tireless effort into making this organization what it is today.

In the past decade we have witnessed one of the most rapid transformation in the worlds history, events such as an economic crisis, natural disasters, wars being waged, famine in parts of the world, threat of terrorism, an energy crisis that almost drove the world into bankruptcy, climate change occurring at an unprecedented level, spread of new viruses and diseases..

We have to ask ourselves a fundamental question, .. How did we get into this mess..

However in the same decade we also witnessed one of the highest employment opportunities expansion, more vaccines being distributed to parts of the world where before it would be difficult or yet impossible, connectivity of persons such as the usage of handphones, emails, facebook seem to be the norm, ... human beings today are far more connected then they ever were, the rise of new budget airlines has meant that getting to one place is not only cheaper but more places can be explored, new innovative ways to combat climate change due to advance in technology is being created daily... the sky is the limit some might say..

But what does this for the youth?.. as we look into the future, what kind of legacy do we want to leave behind to our kids, do we want to leave behind a world that we had inherited or do we want to leave behind a world that is much better and safer where everybody has the same amount of opportunity to succeed and where respect is not just a word loosely used but an actual deed unto itself.

The answer lies in your hands.. as president of the WAY I challenge you today to take

that question and think,.. who has the ability to make and effect these changes, where does the power really lie..

We might think that the problems of today is beyond our hands because the status quo seems too rigid and catered only for the select minor... but believe me when I say the real power lies with the like-minded youth as yourselves here to spread the message of change..

Let me give you an example.. The slavery trade which was famous in Europe and North America happened about 200 hundred years ago, it was cruel and inhumane.. Although it had been around way longer than that but never at such a wide scale... at the time the thought of abolishing the trade seemed like an impossible task as slavery was a daily occurrence and had benefited the land.. However there were few who thought it was inhumane and wanted it abolished...

They succeeded in ending this gruesome trade not in a day but by a belief that what they thought to be wrong needed to end...

What seemed like an impossible task as slavery had been around for thousands of years managed to come to a halt by a group of young people who believed that what they were fighting for was right and they knew the ability to change the world rested at their hands...

The same lessons can also be done for the challenges we face today... war for example... which is seen to be an impossible human trait to end , can also be stopped from ever occurring if we the youth believe that it should...

I have always believed that there can no victors in war but only bloodshed for both sides..

The mass connectivity that we have today is unprecedented... the usage of the internet is a powerful tool... there has never been a time where human connectivity and communication has been so rapid... you can be in this room and emailing somebody on the other part of the planet and the person would get it immediately...

But what does instant communication mean?... how can we use it to benefit and shape the world we live in today...

Today the usage of facebook and other forms of new media has allowed us to further understand each other... these tools has allowed us to break the barrier of location...

Most conflicts occur out of lack of communication and understanding of one another... we the youth have a golden opportunity than ever before to make that leap and go beyond what we see daily...

It is obvious that we inherited an imperfect world... but it doesn't mean we cannot make a difference or try to make it better...

The challenges that we will face will be tougher and more complicated than before, the demand for energy would be double than what it was a decade ago... as new markets emerge surely this would have an impact on consumption thus an increase in energy usage...

The issue of climate change cannot be taken lightly by the youth of today... the past decade has also seen one of the highest occurrence of natural disasters and the spread of viruses, whether the impact of climate change had much to do about this is still being debated but what is clear is that there is work to be done in order ensure that cleaner air is ensured for future in a world today that seems to put the main priority of profits...

This whole issue of war, energy crisis and climate has a lot to do with one fundamental answer which has been a cliché but never fully bloomed which is education... it is at the heart of what we seek to achieve... today more than ever before more children both men and women are being thought on the importance in taking a stand on issues that matter most in making a change in a world they inherit...

It has always been a core belief in me that education is the key to make a difference... a youth of today can be better than their parents by giving them an opportunity to learn... one must not be stuck in their strata level or by the condition or class level they were being born into... the youth must never be confined or denied that opportunity to improve themselves.

Education opportunities for the youth regardless of gender, race or belief is at the stepping stone to making any sort of change we seek...

As president I would work hard in ensuring that these issues are addressed in a manner that gets the appropriate attention and that sufficient action is taken into making the world that we inherit together not safer but also a sustainable one for generations to come...

I believe that wars are do little or no benefit to mankind... however I believe that not all wars should end and some wars need to be fought harder... such as the war on poverty, drugs, illiteracy, climate change and most of all on war itself.

Once again I like to thank everybody for supporting me and I hope I will carry on this task to the best of my ability and I look forward to working with you all.

Thank you...

CLOSING SPEECH BY RT. HON. DATUK SERI MOHD ALI RUSTAM, FORMER PRESIDENT OF WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH CUM CHIEF MINISTER OF MELAKA – CLOSING CEREMONY

Excellencies Ambassadors and High Commissioners,
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Ladies & Gentlemen,

Good evening my friends.

I, welcome you this evening to the closing ceremony of the 15th General Assembly for WAY. This has been a very important and significant event as we not only come together to elect new Executive Committee members that will bear the torch for the next four years but also to build our youth and encouraging them to “Rise up for Peace”. It is an essential understanding that is required in order to practice the peace needed.

I also would like to congratulate the new EXCO members into their office and their selection will for sure take WAY to greater heights as new partnership and programs be developed. Congratulations and do embrace your new role with passion as there are great rewards when you see the young people change, and grow becoming great leaders of the future.

I am honored to have so many esteemed youth leaders in the room. I would like to congratulate each and every one of you, for your work and effort in making the life of our future; the youth to be better prepared for what lies ahead of them.

This event and gathering is going down in the history of Melaka as well as the history of WAY. What a great privilege we have and what a great opportunity there is before us to make life changing decisions. Our gathering this week is but one more of the many indicators of WAY’s growth and the impact it has done in the world of youth work.

It has been a very great honor for me to be serving as the President of World Assembly of Youth all these years. I look forward to the many more years ahead to serve in the different ways that I can. The youth of our generation play many roles at this time, perhaps too many roles. They are the segment of the population we rely on to serve the economy by growing food, creating jobs and raising the standard of living. They are the people we rely on to raise today’s children into reliable and productive adults. And they are the segment of the population who are taking the responsibility as bread winners, caring for their parents, and the elderly of the nation.

And with all this responsibility, they have not been adequately equipped with education, skills, nor a healthy economy. They have not had a level playing field for personal development, and now they have no choice but to accept the demands put upon them and try to move forward. But they are getting some help. WAY is in existence to work with them and I know that all of you present here have the same purpose.

I know that if we are going to succeed in our work with the youth of this world we must work hand in hand to make it a reality. So, what then is our task as we work together? Among other things, we must tackle:

- Illiteracy, poverty and gender equality among the youth,
- Education and training, providing them the skills needed for their development,
- The issues that are in front of them and prepare them to face it the peaceful way.

Let me hasten to say that every young person can be a leader in one way or another: on a football team, in the classroom, either as a student or a teacher, or as a youth leader in the community – in so many ways – in a neighborhood watch group, as an organizer for trash collection, or a health committee that promotes good health practices, or a youth volunteer.

Today, one of the most important ways to demonstrate good leadership is through the promotion of non-violence and conflict resolution – young leaders are needed in the small rural towns just as they are needed on the university campuses.

One of the missions of WAY is to unite and empower young people through self development and services to their communities among others. This has long been the driving mission of WAY, and I am happy to know that it will continue to be the focus in the next four years.

Youth leadership and development, education and employment and health and environment are the three strategic areas in the strategic plan, which is commendable. We must seek to be a community of vision that is energized and disciplined, characterized by integrity, character and honesty. We must be a community contextually relevant and responsive to the temporal, as well as fundamental, to the needs of our youth for transformation that our nation's situation has created and demands.

We must help youth to adopt a new consciousness that life is worth living and that every human being is a significant element in God's creation – these needs to become a permanent reality. Let the youth remain steadfast in ensuring unity in the communities and among themselves –They owe this not only to themselves, but to the generations to come.

The focal point in all our deliberations should be and must be on the involvement of youth and how we can promote their causes in the events and programs we will organize— we must continue to be youth driven.

The youth have taken a lot of flacks from all that is happening in the world, we need to ensure that we clearly say to the youth: “don’t let anyone put you down because you are young.” We need to teach them by being an example of integrity.

The challenge now is the need for effective leaders – if we all commit to support WAY to continue its work – joining hands with WAY is helping the communities and the country.

Every general assembly, like this one, is a defining moment –which means a decision, a resolution or a turn in the road that when taken, will determine the future. I am certain that the deliberations made will lead to valuable and meaningful consensus and speedy actions that will truly inspire the youth and communities to ensure true transformation and self –fulfillment for us all.

To the newly elected Executive Committee members do serve every one so that there will be growth and changes in the lives of our youth and the membership will grow as you unite in your march into the future.

I wish WAY well in the decades to come. I would like to thank Ediola Pashollari, and all of the staff at the Secretariat, and the many volunteers for all their hard work and effort in putting this meaningful event together.

I also thank all of you that have come from far and wide to the General Assembly, for your nomination and your selection for the new leaders of WAY. I am sure that not only you have had a wonderful time in meetings but also the time visiting this great and successful state of Melaka. We hope to see you again in the near future.

Without further do, I hereby declare the 15th WAY General Assembly officially closed.

Thank you and God bless

Appendix III. Messages from Head of States:



MESSAGE FROM THE RIGHT HONOURABLE DATO' SRI MOHD NAJIB TUN ABDUL RAZAK, PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA

“Selamat Datang” or Welcome to Melaka the Historical State of Malaysia. This state is has been a place of new beginning. It is very significant that the General Assembly is held here this week. An era of new beginning in the leadership of World Assembly of Youth, as you elect new leaders to lead our youth of the world.

On behalf of the Government and the people of Malaysia, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all delegates and observers attending another historic moment of the General Assembly of the World Assembly of Youth.

The Malaysian government strongly supports this General Assembly and will continue to join in the efforts of the World Assembly of Youth, reaching the Youths in all of its program and activities.

I want to congratulate WAY in achieving many milestones in your activities around the world. Youths are as an asset to our society and our future to lead and carry on the vision and dreams of all our nations. In addition, I have been aware of the activities of the World Assembly of Youth and the momentum it has gained, in the cooperation between all youth groups in the world

I am pleased to note that the theme for this WAY General Assembly is “Youth Rise for Peace,” this indeed is a great and purposefully agenda for them. There is enough pain and hardship and we do need peace to silent those heartache moments.

I believed that this General Assembly will be very successful and that great advances in helping our youths rise up to the occasion of bringing peace in different situations they are in that affects all humankind.

I congratulate the World Assembly of Youth for organizing such a crucial event that involves our future, our hope and our leadership the Youth of this world. May they rise to the occasion in reaching Peace!

I wish you a successful meetings and General Assembly and congratulations to the new leaders that will be elected.

Thank you,



MESSAGE FROM HER EXCELLENCY ROZE OTUNBAYEVA, PRESIDENT OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

Distinguished delegates to the World Assembly of Youth! Ladies and gentlemen!

I cordially welcome and congratulate you on the opening of «Youth Rise for Peace!» - the XV World Assembly of Youth General Assembly.

The Youth - is not just one of the driving and active forces in the development of the world's progress, but it is a barometer in determining where and how the future history of mankind is going.

No one doubts the urgency of modern youth problems. In the light of globalization, the ongoing changes and the joint search for solutions made young people on the planet become even closer and more united. And it is deeply symbolic that they jointly want to overcome unprecedented challenges brought to humanity in the beginning of the XXI century, which are: terrorism, environmental disasters and military conflicts, human rights, democracy and population issues.

The theme of the XV WAY General Assembly - «Youth Rise for Peace!» is very acute in the context of the new peace-building and a new world outlook, and also for the youth of Kyrgyzstan.

As the President I can assure you that the Kyrgyz youth is the most educated, dynamic and creative part of our society. It takes an active part in all important public and political events of the country.

The Kyrgyz Republic is always open for cooperation both within the framework of the World Assembly of Youth, as well as via bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

On behalf of the people of Kyrgyzstan, I would like to express our readiness to promote and develop youth policy with all potential partners for the sake of resolving the problems of young people.

Distinguished delegates to the World Assembly of Youth! Ladies and gentlemen!

I wish you peace, success in the work of the XV General Assembly, as well as persistence in achieving your goals!



MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA, PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

I am pleased to send this message of congratulations on the occasion of the 15th General Assembly of the World Assembly of Youth, held in Melaka, Malaysia.

I note with appreciation that the World Assembly of Youth founded in 1949 in London is committed towards the advancement of youth, promoting the interchange of ideas among them globally. I encourage young people taking part in the 15th General assembly today to seize this opportunity to network, share ideas and launch initiatives to promote peace and goodwill throughout the world.

The theme “Youth Rise for Peace”, chosen for this year’s forum is most relevant in today’s global context. Sri Lanka is a country which rose for peace and is now enjoying its dividends after nearly three decades of terrorism. The fight against terrorism is on the global agenda today and I trust you too will rise against this menace to bring peace in the world.

Young people are a precious resource. It is the responsibility of governments to strengthen efforts to include young people in decision making processes that would benefit them in the future and provide society with lasting dividends.

I wish the 15th General Assembly of the World Assembly of Youth all success.

Thank you,



MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY SAMIR RIFAI, PRIME MINISTER OF THE KINGDOM OF JORDAN

I would like to emphasize on the idea that growth and change will be undertaken by the forthcoming generation of youth ambitious and diligent leaders or “the Knights for Change” as his Majesty King Abdullah II calls them.

I would like to focus on the Youth Code of Conduct which aims on building the identity of the Jordanian youth in five main dimensions, the national, the regional, the Arabic, the religious and the international aspects.

I also would like to present the strategy of Jordan government in expanding the Youth Centers across the Kingdom and encourage them to have their own TV and radio shows. Nevertheless, I would like to inform the Assembly about the 5-year plan of the National Youth strategy which focuses on the role of developing and nurturing a self-conscious Jordanian youth, aware of their abilities, sense of belonging to their homeland, and understanding of their responsibilities.

I also urge the Assembly to make its slogan “Youth Rise for Peace” a call for action: YOUTH : RISE FOR PEACE

Lastly, I would like to invite the participants to the international conference under the Amman Message which will be held in Jordan at the end of this year and which is geared to emphasize on the true nature of Islam – away from extremism

Thank you,



MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

My warmest greetings to the World Assembly of Youth as you hold your 15th General Assembly.

Our administration affirms your theme, as peace is the foundation of progress. Yet this goal demands a tremendous effort from each and every one of us to observe sobriety, patience, and compassion in our relations with our fellowmen, which is why I commend our young ambassadors who have adopted this Nobel endeavor to promote understanding across boundaries.

The future is inevitably in your hands. I am confident that this assembly will contribute significantly in ushering in a new global age of compassion, peace, and hope. Rest assured that the Filipino people are by your side as you treat the straight and righteous path towards the fulfillment of humanity's great potential.

Thank you,



MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY DR. ALAN GARCIA PEREZ, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PERU

It is for me an honor to address the distinguished representatives of the youth organizations gathered in the XV General Assembly of the World Youth Assembly to deal with the fundamental issue of “Youth Rise for Peace” which is very important for the future of the younger generations representing more than half of the world population and, in the case of my country, 27.6% of the population.

In the decades of the eighties and nineties, Peru suffered the dire consequences of terrorism and young people were particularly affected. Some of them were involved in the terrorist movement “Shining Path” and were submitted to intolerant, aggressive and totalitarian ideas. Fortunately, thanks to the successful fight against this aggressive ideology, the reduction of poverty levels, the increase of literacy and the almost universal reach of public education, Peru is now building a knowledge society that does not enable the spread of these wrong ideas in young people’s mind.

Many youth organizations have participated in this effort, particularly those that are able enough to prevent local conflicts, based on valuable information sources and monitoring mechanisms to avoid youth violence. The Peruvian legislation has established national policies on the enhancement of youth that constitute a set of principles, goals and strategies to identify, understand and properly approach the realities and problems young people have to face nowadays. This legislation recognizes their rights and responsibilities; reaffirms their identities and reinforces their potentialities.

On the other hand, the National Plan of Youth assigns a priority to the promotion of a culture of peace and citizens security with the active participation of young people who assume the role of strategic actors in this endeavor.

Furthermore, the National Police of Peru contributes to implement these policies reinforcing its youth programs, especially those concerning the formation of young students for the prevention of domestic violence. More than 500,000 students were the beneficiaries of this program in 2009. To combat the violence, child exploitation and sexual abuse, a great number of activities were carried out such as seminars, workshops and artistic performances. More than 180,000 students were the beneficiaries of these activities.

Likewise, young people play a very important role in the decision making process in the framework of the local and regional governments with the purpose of turning them into actors of their own development and not merely passive beneficiaries of public policies. Due to the law that promotes the participation of young people in the list of candidates for local and regional elections, the age of at least 20% of them must be less than 29 years. This law made possible to

increase the young authorities in local governments from 939 in 2002 elections to 1,879 in those held in 2006.

The literacy rate of the young people between 15 and 29 years of age has increased from 96.7% in 2004 to 97.1 in 2008. In Peru as a whole the literacy rate is nowadays 97.6%. Concerning the conclusion of basic education, Peru has made a significant progress from 56% in 1994 to 77% in 2008 and also it has attained the universal participation of girls in primary education. Currently, 70% of Peruvians have access to drinking water and 58% to sewage systems.

The Peruvian economy is now opened to the global markets. The total of exports and imports is now more than half of the Peruvian GDP, in comparison with less than one third in 2000. Exports have experienced a boom from US\$ 332 dollars per capita in 2000 to US\$ 1,246 in 2008. We must admit that we still have a long way to go and huge challenges to face. To attain our goals, we need to design plans and to agree realist goals. It is the spirit of youth – defying and responsible – that has made possible the sustainable economic growth of our country and the consolidation of this trend in the near future.

The National Secretariat of Youth has published the document entitled “Peru: Study of Youth Poverty” in which it is demonstrated that the youth poverty has been reduced from 43.8% in 2004 to 30.1% in 2009. This research constitutes a very important knowledge tool to improve our youth policies, particularly the need of enhancing the skills and competitiveness of the Peruvian youth labor force.

Poverty is not only scarcity of material means. It is, in many cases, a problem of attitude regarding the capabilities to attain aspirations and goals. The said study indicates that poverty conditions of the Peruvian youth can be overcome through a process of inter-generational learning. Now, the Peruvian youth is realist and optimistic and has developed a sense of self-confidence to put into practice their own plans and to attain their own goals.

Consequently, it is possible to affirm that Peru is now a much more stable, independent and egalitarian country thus contributing to the defense of freedom and democracy in the world. At the same time, Peruvians are aware that they live in a globalized world and they must join the efforts of the international community to consolidate the goals attained and to face the common threats. Peace, security and cooperation are indispensable elements of globalization and Peru is engaged in the international endeavor to promote them by the means of coordinated strategies and political determination.

I cannot finalize without referring to the proliferation of conventional and nuclear weapons that generate death and destruction, limiting the possibilities of social development. For that reason, my Government has proposed, in the framework of the Union of South American Nations, the adoption of a regional Protocol of Peace, Security and Co-operation to reduce the purchase of weapons aimed at utilizing the saved resources to satisfy the urgent needs of poverty reduction.

I am sure that this Youth Assembly will be very pertinent and useful for the world youth to reinforce their values and to stimulate a process of reflection and awareness about the real possibilities of solving conflicts without violence, through a joint effort to design and implement a global plan of action to face adequately the challenges posed by the consolidation of peace in our world. Thank you.



MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY HIFIKEPUNYE POHAMBA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

On behalf of the Government and people of Namibia, it is with great honour that I extend warm greetings and regards from Namibia, on the eve of the 15th General Assembly of World Assembly of Youth, to be held in the State of Melaka, Malaysia: 22 – 26th November 2010.

I am also very proud to report that Namibia was chosen as host of the 14th General Assembly of WAY in Windhoek, 20 – 23rd February 2005, and which was successfully organized by the National Youth Council of Namibia in collaboration with the then Ministry of Higher Education, Training and Employment Creation.

The theme for this gathering, “Youth Rise for Peace”, has been intentionally crafted in the light of various global conflicts, and in realization and importance of the role that peace and harmony plays in the lives of young people today. Recognizing and acknowledging the importance of youth participation in changing the course of our destiny, Namibia is proud to be a member and to be associated with the World Assembly of Youth.

To this end, the Government of the Republic of Namibia applauds the efforts and aspirations of youth leaders of WAY in mobilizing young people towards global peace, unity and development. It is essential for our youth to be imbued with the right values, ideologies and progressiveness which will lead them to contribute constructively to the national and global development processes.

I trust and strongly believe that the 15th General Assembly of WAY will be a success and will come up a 5-year Strategic Plan, from which Annual Plans of Action will be drawn from and implemented in order to effectively address pertinent issues and challenges facing the youth in developing countries in particular and the global youth at large.

I salute you all.



MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY MAHMOUD ABBAS, PRESIDENT OF THE STATE OF PALESTINE

Best greetings,

It gives me great pleasure to express my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of the forthcoming XV General Assembly of the World Assembly of Youth., hosted by the brotherly people of Malaysia. May the profound and measureless occasion be blessed with the continued success and achieved aims and aspiration in the service of international youth.

Our highest and sincere appreciation for the efforts carried out by the brotherly Government of Malaysia and the Malaysian Youth Council.

We look forward to your endless support and great efforts to provide the international youth and serve their cause, particularly in our homeland, Palestine, where our youth are suffering under all forms of injustice due to Israeli occupation practices. Your condemnation of these practices will participate on supporting our youth in their aim to live in a free and sovereign country the Democratic State of Palestine with Al Quds AL Sharif as its capital, Inshallah (God willing) that will be achieved soon.

Once again, we salute all of you and express our best wishes for a prosperous and progressive future for the World Assembly of Youth.

Thank you,



MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY DR. SHUKUR SABITOV, EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN TO MALAYSIA

My very best congratulations to participants of XV General Assembly of the World Assembly of Youth in Melaka.

Youth is a time of feelings, boundless energy and endless curiosity. However, responsibility for the future also lies on the younger generation. And this responsibility is not to burden the young men and women, but this makes it clear that their future they will only build own hands.

Uzbekistan is a country with young people. At the moment, 10 million 400 thousand young people at the age of up to 18 years old, or about 40% of the country's total population, reside in Uzbekistan, and at the age of up to 30 years old- over 17 million people, which makes up 64 % of the population.

As emphasized by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Islam Karimov, the youth – the future of the country, its hope and support. The intellectual, spiritual and physical development of today's youth in Uzbekistan has been raised to the level of public policy. 2010 has been proclaimed as "the Year of harmoniously developed generation" and under a respective State program attention is focused on the young people and a healthy lifestyle.

The position of young people provides an important platform for the implantation of the role and purpose of youth in life. That is why in our country so much attention is given to improving the socio-political activity of the country's youth, strengthening its material and moral support.

Consistent implementation of the objectives set forth in this document, attaches great importance to educational institutions and a huge responsibility. A huge potential and boundless prospects- this is what has the modern youth of our country. In accordance with the National program in Uzbekistan the quality of education and training has radically changed.

The key element for the young people is a desire for self-improvement. Every second young tends to increase level of own education. The main qualities that a younger generation relates to the concept of morality are honesty, good knowledge of the history of his people, the purity of the soul, respect of national traditions and to develop a sense of national pride, modesty, ethnic and religious tolerance, rejection of extremism.

I wish Youth forum in Melaka every success and express confidence that the noble cause to unite young people from around the world will serve to increase understanding and cooperation among future leaders in our respected countries. Thank you,



MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY JAN A. SOER, CHARGE D’AFFAIRES OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS

On behalf of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands I warmly congratulate the World Assembly of Youth, the Malaysian Youth Council and the Government of Malaysia on the occasion of the XV WAY General Assembly to be held in the beautiful historical city of Melaka, Malaysia from 22-26 November 2010. Melaka, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site on 7 July 2008, with such a rich history and cultural diversity is an ideal location to organize such an important event.

I also laud the chosen theme “Youth Rise for Peace”. Surely, “Peace” is, and certainly should be, the most important and meaningful word in anybody’s dictionary and with such a large number of potential future leaders from all over the world gathered round in Melaka, the word has extra dimension. Future generations will hopefully succeed where present and past generations have unfortunately failed, which is to create a world where every citizen can live without fear of war.

I heartily wish the organizers and the participants of the XV WAY General Assembly successful and of course also happy days in Melaka!

Thank you,



**MESSAGE FROM HER HONORARY CONSUL HAJAH NORAIHAN HAJI MOHAMAD ADNAN,
CONSULATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA**

On behalf of the Republic of Uganda, I am pleased to extend my greetings and congratulations to the president of the World Assembly of Youth, the Vice Presidents, the Executive Committee, the Acting Secretary General and the secretariat on your 15th General Assembly.

I would like to applaud the World Assembly of Youth on their various achievements over the past years. Bringing youth and youth leaders together is an asset, not only to our present but most importantly to our future.

The percentage of youth population has been increasing over the years, and they need guidance now more than ever. WAY has been of much assistance in leading and guiding youth and their leaders to achieve positive outcomes in the global youth issues by building awareness in areas like: Drugs, Leadership, Information and Communication Technology and not to forget, Peace.

The theme “Youth Rise for Peace” is of great importance now, as it was before and as it will be for generations to come. We as a people need to affirm our faith in creating awareness of the peace, in order to combat the barriers that hinder the growth of peaceful nations, regions and the world as a whole.

I continue to extend my sincere gratitude to the World Assembly of Youth in providing a platform to help our youth come to an understanding of the role that peace would play to our future.

Congratulations once again, and may you have a successful 15th General Assembly.

Best wishes,



MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY MOAMMAR EL-ERYANI, FIRST DEPUTY MINSITER OF YOUTH AND SPORT OF THE REPUBLIC OF YEMEN

We congratulate you on the occasion of the Fifteenth General Assembly of the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), an organization that works on the field of youth and volunteering, development and capacity building of young people. It was founded in 1949 to occupy a leading position among global and regional organisations with successful works and activities.

The great choice of the theme of this General Assembly (YOUTH RISE FOR PEACE), it applies due to the current world events and developments that focuses on young people, who represent half of the present world population and with the desire of everyone to live in peace we must take care and preserve their future.

This General Assembly is also an opportunity to share and exchange experiences and ideas that will help the effort of youth local, regional and international organisations, to promote peace and security and a culture of tolerance and brotherhood in the society. Because we live in this world today by advanced technology, it's one village. Therefore, acts of violence and sabotage will impact everyone and everywhere.

We do not forget the effort of the family of WAY, the President, the Vice Presidents, the Executive Committee Members, the Acting Secretary General and all the staff and volunteers.

Lastly, we hope for success to your General Assembly.

Best regards,



MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY HANS OLSEN, UNICEF REPRESENTATIVE TO MALAYSIA & SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO BRUNEI

Children do not start wars, but they are the most vulnerable to its deadly effects. Conflict denies children access to healthcare, disrupts their education and increases malnutrition, disease and poverty. Children witness their family, friends and neighbours suffer unimaginable violence. They are raped and forced against their will into participating in violence. A conflict-entangled world will not only strip our children of their dignity and humanity, it will hurt and kill them.

We must all work to end conflict. Without peace, we will not see progress. Peace is a prerequisite for eliminating poverty and realising the Millennium Development Goals. We at UNICEF believe that peace education has a place in all societies, not just countries undergoing conflict or emergencies. And we believe that young people, defined by the United Nations as individuals between 15 and 24 years old, play a critical role in bringing about lasting positive change. Young people's enthusiasm, energy, creativity and ideas to build a better and more just world have a profound importance in shaping the future of humankind, for our children, our communities and our nations.

I extend my congratulations to the World Assembly of Youth for its theme "Youth Rise for Peace" in commemoration of its 15th General Assembly. The role of youth in peace building could not have come at a more appropriate time as we celebrate the International Year of Youth launched on 12 August 2010.

On behalf of the United Nations Children's Fund, I wish you every success in your proceedings. With your voice and your commitment, we can build a peaceful and just world.

Thank you



MESSAGE FROM DATO' RAJA RUSLAN RAJA SAMAH, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CENTRE, MALAYSIA

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate the World Assembly of Youth in organizing their XV General Assembly with the theme "Youth Rise for Peace". This theme is very relevant due to the numerous conflicts and violence happening in many parts of the world.

The youth play a very important role to address this issue to ensure a peaceful and progressive world to live in not only for them but also for their children and following generations. I hope that the delegates attending this General Assembly will be able to outline a plan of action that could provide the framework to ensure that there will be commitment to work for peace since you come from all regions of this world. Peace effort is something that needs the concerted cooperation and partnership of many parties to ensure its success.

We in the International Youth Centre, Kuala Lumpur has long been working closely with the World Assembly of Youth is promoting and developing youth and youth leaders from all parts of the world. And it is our commitment to continue and do so in the coming years.

I hope that you will have a fruitful and memorable stay in Melaka and a successful General Assembly. We look forward to contribute whenever possible especially in the area of Youth Development.

Thank you

Appendix IV. List of WAY Members:

**LIST OF RATIFIED WAY MEMBER ORGANISATIONS
AS OF THE XIV GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Note that pending and new members are not included in this list!

F = FULL MEMBER, O = OBSERVER MEMBER, A = ASSOCIATE MEMBER
C = CONSULTATIVE MEMBER

AFRICA

	COUNTRY	NAME OF ORGANIZATION	STATUS
1	Algeria	Superior Youth Council of Algeria	O
2	Angola	National Youth Council of Angola	F
3	Benin	Benin Association For Development	O
4	Botswana	Botswana National Youth Council	F
5	Burkina Faso	Youth Solidarity Association	O
6	Cameroon	Cameroon National Youth Council	F
7	Comoros	National Union of Youth of Comoros	F
8	Congo	Forum for Youth Workers for Development	O
9	Congo, DR	Congolese Association for Youth Development	O
10	Cote D'Ivoire	Cote D'Ivoire Federation for Movements and Associations of Youth and Children	F
11	Ethiopia	Ethiopian Youth Bureau	O
12	Gambia	National youth Council of Gambia	F
13	Ghana	National Youth Council of Ghana	F
14	Guinea Bissau	National youth Council of Guinea Bissau	F
15	Kenya	Kenya Association of Youth Organisations	F
16	Lesotho	Lesotho Youth Federation	F
17	Libya	National Organisation of Libyan Youth	F
18	Madagascar	Reseau Ooeumenique Madagascar de la Jeunesse et des Estudiants	O
19	Mali	Malian Movement for Youth Promotion	F
20	Mauritius	National Youth Council of Mauritius	F
21	Morocco	Youth Workers of Morocco	O
22	Mozambique	Organization of Mozambican Youth	A
23	Namibia	National Youth Council of Namibia	F
24	Nigeria	National Youth Council of Nigeria	F
25	Rwanda	Rwanda National Youth Council	F
26	Senegal	National Youth Council of Senegal	F
27	Seychelles	SPPF Youth League	O
28	Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone Federation of Youth Organisations	F
29	Somalia	Somalia Youth Council	F
30	South Africa	Southern African Community Development Youth	O

		Movement	
31	Sudan	General Sudanese Students Union	O
32	Swaziland	Swaziland National youth Council	F
33	Tanzania	Youth Council of Tanzania	A
34	Tunisia	National Union of Youth Organizations	A
35	Uganda	Uganda Youth Council	F
36	Western Sahara	Youth Union of Sagguia el Hamra and Rio de Oro	O
37	Zambia	National Youth Development Council of Zambia	F
38	Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe Youth Council	F

ASIA

	COUNTRY	NAME OF ORGANIZATION	STATUS
1	Bangladesh	Bangladesh National Youth Organisation (JTS)	F
2	Bhutan	Bhutan Youth Development Association	A
3	Brunei	Brunei Youth Council	F
4	Cambodia	Cambodia Youth Development Center	A
5	China	All China Youth Federation	O
6	India	Indian Committee of Youth Organisations	F
7	Indonesia	National Youth Committee of Indonesia	F
8	Iraq	General Federation of Iraqi Youth	F
9	Jordan	The National Union of Jordanian Youth	F
10	Korea	National Council of Youth Organisations in Korea	F
11	Kuwait	Public Authority for Youth & Sports	O
12	Malaysia	Malaysian Youth Council	F
13	Mongolia	Mongolian Youth Federation	F
14	Nepal	Social Youth Council of Nepal	F
15	Pakistan	All Pakistan Youth Federation	F
16	Philippines	National Youth Commission	O
17	Singapore	Peoples Association Youth Movement	O
18	Sri Lanka	National Youth Services Council of Sri Lanka	F
19	Syria	Syrian Youth Union	O
20	Thailand	Thailand National Council of Youth and Child Development	F
21	Turkey	Youth Activities Service	O
22	Vietnam	Vietnam Youth Federation	O
23	Yemen	General Union of Yemeni Youth	F
24	UAE	Emirates National Students Union	O

CARIBBEAN

	COUNTRY	NAME OF ORGANIZATION	STATUS
1	Anguilla	Anguilla National Youth	F
2.	Bahamas	Bahamas National Youth Council	F
3	Barbados	Barbados Youth Council	F
4	Belize	Belize National Youth Council	F
5	Dominica	National Youth Council of Dominica	F
6	Guyana	Georgetown Youth Leaders Council	F
7	Jamaica	Jamaica National Youth Council	F
8	Montserrat	Montserrat National Youth Council	F
9	Puerto Rico	Youth Organisation Council of Puerto Rico	F
10	Sao Tome & Principe	National Alliance of YMCAs	O
11	St. Kitts	St. Kitts Youth Council	F
12	Suriname	Suriname National Youth Assembly	F
13	Trinidad & Tobago	Trinidad and Tobago Youth Council	F

EUROPE

	COUNTRY	NAME OF ORGANIZATION	STATUS
1	Albania	Albania Youth Federation	O
2	Armenia	National Youth Council of Armenia	F
3	Czech Republic	National Youth Council of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia	F
4	Croatia	Croatia National Youth Council	F
5	Germany	German National Committee For International Youth Work	F
6	Greece	National Council of Hellenic Youth Organsations	F
7	Latvia	National Youth Council of Latvia	F
8	Luxembourg	National Youth Council of Luxembourg	F
9	Macedonia	Youth Council of Macedonia	F
10	Norway	Norwegian Youth Council	F
11	Poland	Polish Youth Council	A
12	Portugal	Youth Institute of Portugal	O
13	Russia	National Council of Youth Organisations of Russia	O
14	Slovakia	Youth Council of Slovakia	F
15	United Kingdom	British Youth Council	F

LATIN AMERICA

	COUNTRY	NAME OF ORGANIZATION	STATUS
1	Argentina	National Youth Council of Argentina	F
2	Bolivia	National Council of Bolivian Youth	F
3	Brazil	AMP	O

4	Chile	National Youth Council of Chile	F
5	Colombia	National Youth Committee of Colombia	F
6	Cuba	Union of the Young Communist League	O
7	El Salvador	National Youth Council of El Salvador	F
8	Ecuador	International Youth House of Ecuador	F
9	Guatemala	Guatemala Youth Development Committee	A
10	Mexico	Mexican Youth Institute	O
11	Nicaragua	National Youth Council of Nicaragua	F
12	Paraguay	Paraguay Youth and Students Hostel Association	O
13	Peru	National Council of the Peruvian Youth (NCPY)	F

PACIFIC

	COUNTRY	NAME OF ORGANIZATION	STATUS
1	Australia	Australian Youth Policy and Action Coalition	F
2	Cook Islands	Cook Islands National Youth Council	F
3	Fiji	Fiji National Youth Council	F
4	Niue Islands	Niue National Youth Council	F
5	Papua New Guinea	National Youth Service	F
6	Solomon Islands	Solomon Islands National Youth Congress	F
7	Tonga	Tongan National Youth Congress	F
8	Vanuatu	Vanuatu National Youth Council	F
9	Western Samoa	Western Samoa National Youth Council	F

North America

	COUNTRY	NAME OF ORGANIZATION	STATUS
1	Canada	Canada World Youth	F
2	USA	Youth Network Council	F