

Youth Declaration

The 28th International Youth Forum

PRE-AMBULATORY CLAUSES

Having been part of the discussions of the 28th International Youth Forum (IYF) and considering that international society has been facing serious issues such as environmental pollution, discrimination, and refugee problems, which makes regional youth cooperation essential, if the youth actively get involved in cultural, sports, volunteering, and on-line activities in regional scale, they will acquire self-fulfilment and holistic development.

Consequently, individuals from different regions will build mutual respect and tolerance among all nations.

OPERATIVE CLAUSES

COUNCIL: Culture and Arts committee

Clause 1: calls for utilization of unbiased media and other forms of digital contents in order for the youth to acquire open-mindedness and tolerant attitude towards diverse cultures

Clause 2: calls for the use of public spaces as art venues to make art more accessible and to facilitate the current shifting tendency of art moving from museums to open spaces, such as parks, transport hubs, or streets.

Clause 3: calls for the cooperation between local religious institutions

Clause 4: calls for establishment of cultural youth competitions and conferences on a regional level where youth can display cultural traditions through modern art, sharing experiences, talents, and passion.

Clause 5: suggests the involvement of organizations, institutions, and governments to implement such platforms into their programs.

Clause 6: encourages governments to establish community networks among indigenous and ethnic minorities, and other groups in their environment.

Clause 7: recommends the incorporation of cultural diversity and uniqueness in education curricula, so that students can gain opportunities to comprehend and learn about the multicultural society.

Clause 8: urges associated institutions and organizations to provide more scholarships and grants to less privileged youth.

COUNCIL: Sports

Clause 1: urges support for sports in order to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development.

Clause 2: calls for governments, civil society, and private entities to invest in, support and encourage sports and its complimentary sectors.

Clause 3: suggests that sports be employed as a tool of public diplomacy to foster international understanding, and to help alleviate negative stereotypes, by conducting the exchange of sporting teams and sporting professionals

Clause 4: recommends that sports be used as a tool to raise awareness on issues which concern youth such as climate change, unemployment and extremism.

COUNCIL: Volunteerism

Clause 1: recommends that educational institutions take concrete measures, specifically formal institutions to include international volunteerism as part of the educational institution's curriculum and to set up equally accessible activities without distinction of gender, age, or physical and mental capability and non-formal/informal learning program to establish community centers to provided equal opportunity for an alternative learning system to both locals and migrants and to invite professionals to conduct trainings and interactive programs to advance the recipients' skills to easily seek better opportunities

Clause 2: recommends various measures and policy reforms such as ensuring freedom of movement through the reform of the Visa policy system, providing privileges to voluntary organizations for them to conduct informal activities in public spaces, initiating the process of recognizing and certifying non-formal education by relevant body, considering possible policy reform of taxation and VAT rules for volunteering organizations and establishing youth exchange programs between sister cities all over the world.

Clause 3: calls for measures that can establish constant communication with the government to align possible programs that can address the issues of various communities, initiate and implement volunteering programs such as trainings, camps, social entrepreneurship projects, endowment and fundraising activities anchored by the Sustainable Development Goals, ensure equal and proper representation of all groups involved in volunteering efforts providing a more inclusive environment to create a lasting impact to the society, and create a global platform for networking, where all non-governmental organizations can gather together to come up with solutions for the acquisition of sustainable communities.

Clause 4: calls for measures such as a tool to access information on volunteering programs, a centralized network for volunteers through various platforms where they can interact and share opportunities to other volunteers, and a database to where interested volunteers can get recommendations that fit their interests and capabilities.

COUNCIL: Internet

Clause 1: calls for efforts to properly lessen the expense of accessing the internet by youth and general citizens alike for the proper dissemination of information and ideas.

Clause 2: urges governing bodies to refer to UN resolutions on censorship as it relates to the freedom of expression and human rights

Clause 3: calls for providing a framework that connects public and private institutions such as universities and NGOs with the greater youth base

Clause 4: calls for youth exchange programs to be made available to a wider base through existing networks in the digital realm

Clause 5: urges youths not to limit themselves into person exchanges but to use the digital technology.

Clause 6: calls for appropriate measures for quality control to be made.