

These are our Bottom Lines

We, young people from the Major Group of Children and Youth, are pleased to be participants in the UNECE Post-2015 Development Consultation. We are counting on all governments to have the courage to champion the 'controversial' issues by addressing the difficult realities, many of which are related to the root causes of inequalities. We all have identified the need to adopt a *human rights-based, holistic and gender-equitable* approach to the post-2015 agenda. NOW is the time to tackle the unfinished agenda and take up emerging issues. We urge you to challenge the status quo.

1. Keep your Promises

We need leaders we can trust. Empty promises and failure to deliver on your commitments breaks down trust. We need reliable governments that are responsive to our needs. We call on you to invest in the realization of our rights. We suffer when you lack the political will to be accountable and transparent.

2. Champion our Sexual Rights

Denying us our sexual and reproductive rights puts our *lives* at risk and *violates our bodily autonomy*. Responding to this requires you to have the courage to recognize our rights to pleasure, freely express our *diverse* sexualities, access safe and legal abortion services, contraception, and comprehensive sexuality education and live free from all forms of stigma, discrimination and violence.

3. We Demand Economic Justice

We demand economic justice. Sustain our future: invest in our skills and talents by supporting our transition from school to decent work. Sustaining economic justice requires our access to social rights at work and equal compensation. Governments have the responsibility to establish a transformative economic agenda, committed to the equitable redistribution of resources, land, wealth, and power.

4. Leave us a Healthy Planet

We are deeply concerned with the disturbances in climate stability and its effects on our future. Climate Change is human-caused and results in health and human rights violations. The countries that contribute most to climate change should be responsible for alleviating and compensating those most affected. We won't get a second chance. We must take action now.

5. We are Stakeholders, not a Target Group

We need to be meaningfully engaged in all levels of decision-making, particularly the youth groups most forgotten. We do not all have the resources and opportunities to participate in intergovernmental processes, nor do we all speak official UN languages or jargon. Our issues are cross-cutting. To realize meaningful participation we must be engaged, in all our diversities, as rights holders and valued change agents.