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Madam President

I speak on behalf of the NGO Working Group on Human Rights Education and Learning.

We welcome the High Level Panel Discussion on the Tenth Anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training.

Ten years ago, our network advocated for the adoption of the Declaration.

The 10th anniversary gives us today the opportunity to reflect on the progress made in implementing human rights education, looking at the same time at the existing gaps between the objectives set in the Declaration and reality.

Specifically, we want to emphasize that the Declaration in Article 7 of the Declaration affirms that States (...) 'are primarily responsible for HRET' and Article 14 urges States to take appropriate measures to ensure the effective implementation and follow up of the Declaration, making the necessary resources available.

Looking at the continuous human rights violations today, it is key to prioritize human rights education, to mitigate distorted information, enhance the response to violations and increase access to and protection of rights. For this, we call on States to commit in providing adequate resources for HRE implementation, to ensure a reporting and monitoring mechanism of the Declaration, including through mainstream it in the UPR and SDG 4.7 reporting, to provide adequate space for civil society to carry out their work and safeguard human rights education.

This is key to ensure that the great expectations expressed in the Declaration become a tangible reality for everyone including the most marginalized, oppressed and excluded.

Thank you