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Subject: Welcome letter to Dr. Felipe Paullier, incoming UN Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs

Dr. Felipe Paullier
UN Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs

Dear Dr. Paullier,

On behalf of the Civil Society Working Group (WG) on Youth, Peace and Security (YPS), please accept our warmest congratulations on your appointment as the first-ever United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs. Your appointment is a testament to your commitment to advancing youth issues and we are confident of your ability to steer and promote the meaningful, inclusive and effective engagement of young people at the UN and beyond.

Our Civil Society Working Group on Youth, Peace and Security brings together youth-led and youth-serving organizations and networks working to advance and advocate for effective, youth-led implementation of the YPS agenda within the United Nations as a whole, and particularly within the Security Council. Your role and the new UN Youth Office are especially critical to this goal at a time when the world is experiencing an unprecedented rise in conflicts and crises. Young people, coming from the Global Majority, are not only disproportionately impacted by conflicts, but they continue to be excluded from decision-making in conflict prevention and peacebuilding. In contrast, youth are leading efforts to build sustainable peace in conflict and crisis-affected communities, as most recently demonstrated by the *Global Youth Call: Stop the Wars, Save Lives, Invest in Peace*. It is thus crucial to bridge this gap by creating and sustaining meaningful partnerships that recognize and further youth leadership and participation in peace and security.

As you embark on your mandate, we stand ready to work closely with you to amplify the voices and prioritize the needs of young peacebuilders and activists within the UN system, build global support for the YPS agenda and further ownership and implementation of YPS resolutions at local, national and regional levels. We seek to build on our impactful advocacy and collaboration with the former Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, including contributing to the UN Youth Strategy. We are confident that our goals are mutually reinforcing and want to explore how we can collaborate going forward in a meaningful way.

Once again, please accept the assurances of our highest consideration and best wishes.

Sincerely,
United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY) and the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP), as Co-Chairs, CSO WG on Youth, Peace and Security



Signed by members of the CSO WG on YPS:

1. YPS Monitor
2. Peace Boat US
3. Building Blocks for Peace Foundation
4. Manderu community support centre
5. SOS Civisme Central African Republic
6. UN MGCY
7. Stretchers Youth Organization
8. Majembeni mwereri cbo
9. Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (CSPPS)
10. United Nations Association Albania
11. Nigeria Youth SDGs
12. FLEC (Forces des Leaders Engagés du Congo)
13. OSED
14. Canadian Coalition for Youth, Peace & Security (CCYPS)
15. Young Peace Builders (YPB)
16. Kuzalivelihood Improvement Project
17. Afro Centre for Development Peace and Justice
18. HSRC Ghana, and GPPAC- Ghana
19. Susew Human Development Foundation
20. CYPAN
21. International Human Rights Advocacy And Awareness Centre
22. Favour Lowcost Healthcare Foundation (FALCOH)
23. TEM Foundation
24. Advocates for Youth Inclusion and Participation in African Governments
25. Youth Entrepreneurship Support Hub
26. Global Media Foundation
27. Nigerian coalition on Youth peace and Security Agenda
28. Women, Peace and Security Network
29. YEFL-GHANA
30. Community and Family Aid Foundation-Ghana
31. CITADEL Initiative
32. Youth Initiative Against Terrorism-YIAT
33. Katsina State representing for Katsina State Association of the Deaf
34. Nonviolent Network of Africa Peace Builders
35. SDG Students Hub, Ahmadu Bello University zaria
36. Youthful and Useful Foundation
37. Capacity Enhancement and Manpower Development Foundation
38. Youth Association of Sierra Leone
39. Advocates for Youth Inclusion and Participation in African Governments
40. Nigeria Peace and Security Initiative Forum



41. North East Youth Initiative for Development (NEYIF)
42. Children and Young People Living for Peace (CYPLP) Kaduna, Nigeria
43. Search for Common Ground
44. Center for Peace Advocacy and Sustainable Development
45. Global Peace Development
46. Spaces for Change
47. NACCIMA Youth Entrepreneurs
48. We Thrive Africa Initiative
49. The Scout Association of Nigeria, Oshimili-South Local association
50. Majembeni Mwereri Group
51. Youth Initiative Against Violence and Human Rights Abuse-YIAVHA
52. Bulbula Volunteer Center (Ethiopia)
53. Board of Technical and Vocational Education and Training Edo State
54. Bulbula Volunteer Center
55. Cedars For Human Welfare Initiative (CEHUWEI)
56. Liberty for Marginalized Persons Uganda
57. NACCIMA Youth Entrepreneurs
58. Women Wing of Christian Association of Nigeria
59. Kom'Bak Industries
60. Icons of Kailahun
61. Zandam area development association (ZADA)
62. African Students For Interfaith Tolerance
63. ASSHO (Afghanistan Solidarity for Social & Humanity Organization)
64. Local Youth Corner Cameroon
65. Youth Voices Initiative Zamfara State
66. Mijinyawason Integrated Services
67. Groundnut Mechanized Farmers Association of Nigeria
68. YALI RLC Nigeria
69. Civil Alliance for Climate Action Nigeria