

**WORLD PROGRAMME  
OF ACTION FOR**



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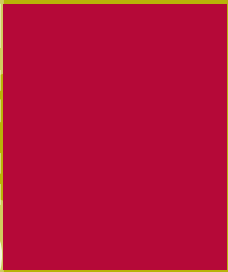
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# STATEMENT OF PURPOSE



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# UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION OF INTENT ON YOUTH: PROBLEMS AND POTENTIALS

The United Nations Declaration of Intent on Youth: Problems and Potentials is a landmark document that outlines the challenges and opportunities facing young people worldwide. It emphasizes the need for a comprehensive approach to youth development, focusing on education, employment, and social inclusion. The declaration identifies key areas of concern, such as the lack of quality education, limited access to decent work, and the impact of climate change on young people's lives. It also highlights the potential of youth as a driving force for positive change and sustainable development. The declaration calls for governments, the private sector, and civil society to work together to create an enabling environment for young people to realize their full potential and contribute to the well-being of their communities and the world.









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**A. EDUCATION**

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- 3. *Promoting mutual respect and understanding and the ideals of peace, solidarity and tolerance among youth*

- 4. *Vocational and professional training*

- 5. *Promoting human rights education*



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■ *3. Voluntary community services involving youth*

■ *4. Needs created by technological changes*









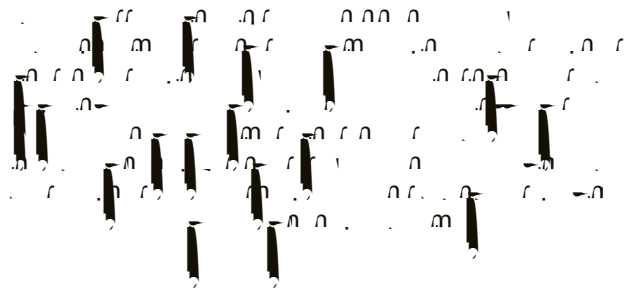


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- 2. *Facilitating the international dissemination of information on environmental issues to,*



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■ *3. Treatment and rehabilitation of young people who are drug abusers or drug-dependent and young alcoholics and tobacco users*



## G. JUVENILE DELINQ







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■ 5. Violence

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■ J. FULL AND EFFECTIVE

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## K. GLOBALIZATION

Globalization is the process of increasing interconnectedness and interdependence among countries, cultures, and economies. It is driven by advances in technology, trade liberalization, and the growth of multinational corporations. Globalization has led to the integration of global markets, the spread of Western culture, and the growth of emerging economies. However, it has also led to concerns about job displacement, income inequality, and the loss of local traditions and identities. The impact of globalization is a complex and ongoing process that continues to shape the world we live in.

- 3. Establishing ways of monitoring systems to track the effects of globalization on youth

## L. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

- 1. Making information and communications technology available to all youth

- 2. *Providing training to facilitate use of information and communications technology*

- 3. *Protecting youth from the harmful aspects of information and communications technology*

- 4. *Promoting the use of information and communications technology by persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups*

- 5. *Empowering young people as key contributors to building an inclusive information society*

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## M. HIV/AIDS

1. HIV-1 and HIV-2 are the two main types of HIV virus. HIV-1 is the most common and is responsible for the majority of HIV infections. HIV-2 is less common and is primarily found in West Africa. Both viruses attack the immune system, specifically the CD4+ T cells, leading to a weakened immune response and eventually AIDS if left untreated.

2. HIV is transmitted through contact with certain body fluids from an infected person. The primary modes of transmission are sexual contact (vaginal, anal, and oral), sharing needles and syringes, and from mother to child during pregnancy, childbirth, or breastfeeding. HIV is not transmitted through casual contact, such as hugging, shaking hands, or sharing food and drinks.

3. HIV infection is often asymptomatic for several years, a period known as the "window period" or "seroconversion period." During this time, the virus is still present in the body, but the person may not experience any symptoms. This is why regular testing is crucial for early detection and treatment.

4. The progression of HIV infection to AIDS is determined by the level of CD4+ T cells in the blood. As the virus destroys these cells, the immune system becomes increasingly compromised. AIDS is diagnosed when the CD4 count falls below 200 cells per cubic millimeter, or when certain opportunistic infections or cancers develop.

5. While there is no cure for HIV, antiretroviral therapy (ART) has revolutionized the management of the disease. ART can significantly reduce the viral load, allowing the immune system to recover and preventing the progression to AIDS. With consistent treatment, people with HIV can live long, healthy lives and have children without passing on the virus.

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■ 3. Legislation and legal instruments to protect vulnerable youth

N. ARMED CONFLICT

■ 1. *Protecting youth under age 18 from direct involvement in armed conflict*

■ 2.

■ *3. Promoting active involvement of youth in maintaining peace and security*

**O. INTERGENERATIONAL ISSUES**

■ *1. Strengthening families*

■ *2. Empowering young women*

■ 3. Strengthening intergenerational solidarity















1 See A/40/256, annex.

2 Report of the International Conference on Population and Develop-

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