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Statement by Ms.

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Mr. Felipe Paullier, Assistant Secretary-General for Youth
Affairs,
Excellencies,
[My dear] Youth Friends,
Distinguished Colleagues,

I am delighted to welcome you to this important event on

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I thank you for your hard work, and I count on you as vital
partners in making the LLDC3 Youth Forum a resounding
success.

Today's event will serve as a platform to share knowledge,
exchange ideas, and collaborate to amplify the impact of
youth-led innovations on the 2030 Agenda and the
implementation of the respective Programmes of Action for
LDCs, LLDCs, and SIDS.

I am pleased to see that you will explore critical areas where
youth are making significant impacts: (on) socioeconomic
development and debt; ICT and digital innovation; and
environment and climate change.

Allow me to share a few thoughts on these three overarching
areas:

First, on socioeconomic development and debt:

The evidence is there - a young population brings numerous
opportunities for economic growth and innovation.

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- including in quality education and employment
opportunities, that are so critical for the future of young
people.

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Thank you for your dedication, passion, and unwavering
commitment.