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“Strengthening ECOSOC at its 75th anniversary for sustainable and resilient recovery from COVID-19 and advancing the 2030 Agenda”

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My name is Rosario Diaz Garavito, from Fundación Sostenibilidad, Educacion, Solidaridad - Fundación SES, today together within other organizations from civil society, youth led organizations as part of wider engagement mechanism in the Latin American and Caribbean region and globally we want to make a call to action, to work together and to grow the political will an ambition to address the different crisis we are face right now. We cannot advance on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda if we are not bold in our actions, if we don't ensure vaccination access for all, if we do not focus on a fair recovery for all, solving the structural gaps that didn't allow us to respond properly the pandemic.

During the health crisis, children, adolescents, and young people in the Latin American and Caribbean Region, especially from groups in vulnerable situations, have been disproportionately affected compared to our peers in other regions. We saw not only the protection of our health and well-being limited, but also our future and economic stability threatened, due to uncertainty, job insecurity and a crisis in the educational system, where inequality didn't allow virtual education to be a tool that benefits all children and youth equally.

In the midst of a constant political crisis and instability, we have witnessed acts of corruption at the highest level even during the health crisis. This adds to an outbreak of violence in many of our households during confinement, where young women and girls got the worse part. We are still looking for the ones got disappeared. Violence has also manifested in the streets while we demand respect for our human rights, our ecosystems, a life with dignity, transparency, and accountability. Many of us have lost our lives and suffered serious violations of our human rights due to an excessive repression by the forces of order.

At this time, we need a global and regional response so no one left behind, we call on member states to go beyond political polarization by acting in solidarity. We call for their support on the strengthen of ECOSOC and Regional Commission as well as the effective articulation and engagement of the resident coordinators to ensure these processes are bottom up and intergenerational. We need you as allies in the safeguarding of our well-being, to achieve intergenerational justice and for the meaningful engagement of civil society and children, adolescents, and youth in the decision-making process around the implementation of the 2030 Agenda that today is defining our present and future at the Global, regional, local level.



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