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Distinguished delegates, my name is Felipe Gómez Gallo from Colombia; I am the Student Platform for Engineering Education Development president, speaking from the Stockholm+50 Youth Task Force.

First, We urge the Member States to commit to expanding education on the triple planetary crisis in all school curricula while ensuring free education for all children and marginalized groups and providing access to green jobs for youth.

Second, Stockholm+50 must recognize progress made on meaningful youth engagement. Youth have a seat in the UN youth strategy in various inter-agency networks, and last year the UN Environment Management Group welcomed us.

However, while today's youth are the most connected, most knowledgeable, and largest generation ever, we still face significant marginalization. We call for immediate scaling up of financing, capacity building, partnerships, and youth inclusion as a standing item across all the MEAs.

Third, the Environmental rule of law is key to providing constitutional guarantees of the right to a healthy environment. We call for the criminalization of large-scale environmental destruction by including ecocide in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Fourth, We call upon Stockholm+50 to recommend creating a governance framework for the SCP through the One-Planet Network. We call for a shift to an environmentally sustainable lifestyle and future.

Let us remind you that more than 3 billion children and youth cannot be reduced to 2 minutes here. Listen to the voices demanding change. Today, history has been made, with more than five youth addressing the UN General Assembly in one day. A history we hope will continue with Stockholm+50 and beyond.

Thank you.