

Speech Asiskumar Gajadien, MP of Suriname in the 152nd General Assembly

Distinguished chair, colleagues,

As we move toward our conclusions, our deliberations must reflect the full reality of today's global context.

The world is facing escalating conflicts and growing instability, from Ukraine to Gaza and beyond. These crises are interconnected, and their consequences reach far beyond security. They are also shaping the future of our young people.

The World Bank has warned of a growing structural challenge: the global economy is not creating enough decent and sustainable jobs for youth. When young people are excluded from meaningful economic participation, the risks are clear: greater vulnerability, social instability, and declining trust in institutions.

I therefore encourage that our report explicitly link conflict, economic disruption and youth employment, emphasize decent work as a foundation for sustainable peace, and call for stronger international cooperation to expand opportunities for future generations.

A generation without prospects is a risk the world cannot afford. Thank you