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Thank you, Madam President.

In our capacity as Czech Republic's UN Youth Delegates, we would like to thank the Special Rapporteur for her important insights on building cultural respect in education systems, which we strongly support.

In this regard, we find it necessary to emphasize the importance of ensuring cultural respect also for countries that are relatively homogenous in terms of linguistic, national and religious diversity such as our country the Czech Republic. Achieving this goal in such countries presents its own challenges. From our own experience, children and youth do not always have a chance to stay in daily contact with different cultures. At the same time, it is crucial to acknowledge and respect both our similarities and differences for a peaceful coexistence in today's globalized world.

Therefore, we believe that children and youth should be actively encouraged and enabled to study foreign languages and travel abroad through various Government-funded Mobility Schemes such as the Erasmus+ Programme in order to gain a greater understanding of various cultures and build up their cultural respect.

Madam Special Rapporteur,

In your view, how can Student Mobility Programmes contribute to the building of cultural respect in education systems?

Thank you.