



## Security Council

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### Letter dated 31 October 2024 from the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Following a discussion between Switzerland and a group of youth delegates to the United Nations, I have the honour of transmitting a joint statement by those delegates, addressed to the Security Council (see annex). The statement was also endorsed by the African Youth Ambassadors for Peace.

This joint statement was presented to Switzerland at the above-mentioned meeting.

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Pascale **Baeriswyl**  
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations



**Annex to the letter dated 31 October 2024 from the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

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**Joint statement to the Security Council from youth delegates to the United Nations and the African Youth Ambassadors for Peace**

In the name of youth delegates to the United Nations and the African Youth Ambassadors for Peace, we want to express our deepest concern with regard to the ongoing conflicts, divisions and humanitarian crises we observe around the world. As was also said in this Council, now, more than ever, we need strong voices to stand for humane values. Through this letter, we aim not only to embody this voice but also to prompt the necessary actions to bring about peace.

As young people, we are alarmed by the devastating effects of ongoing conflicts on current and future generations. Children and youth do not start wars, yet they are the ones most exposed to their consequences. In 2023, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights reported that global conflicts had resulted in the deaths of three times as many children as the previous year. We lack the words to describe our consternation in the face of such developments.

At the Summit of the Future, many warned that inaction could lead the planet “to a dark future”. While this applies in many contexts, we believe that inaction in fostering peace is the most destructive barrier to all other developments. You are ambassadors to the United Nations because, just like us, you believe in the multilateral system – one that prioritizes cooperation for peace. Yet, this very system is at risk of eroding due to inaction and a lack of accountability. Many times this Council has declared its condemnation of humanitarian crises, but actions on the ground and at the national level have not followed suit.

We understand that the future of global peace does not rest entirely in your hands. Still, you hold more influence in shaping this future than the vast majority of people on this planet. The lack of peace and the observed impunity erode the trust that millions of young people place in their leaders and in the values of humanity that they are meant to uphold. Since we, as youth, do not yet have the authority to make decisions on a global scale, we implore you to use your power to urge all members of this Council and your national Governments to prioritize peace, humanity and the preservation of lives above all other interests or agendas. We ask that those who fail to do so be held accountable. In the same vein, we ask you to do everything within your power, at the national and multilateral levels, to ensure that the resolutions passed by this Council are enforced.

We recognize that prioritizing peace above all else demands both courage and the willingness to recognize our shared humanity over partisanship. We trust the President of the Security Council and the members of the Security Council to take bold actions for peace.

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African Union Youth Ambassador for Peace for the East African region, Nashiba Nakabira	Hungarian United Nations Youth Delegate, Annamária Wettstein
African Union Youth Ambassador for Peace for the Southern African region, Mpule Kgetsii	Italian United Nations Youth Delegate, Andrea Granata
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Finnish United Nations Youth Delegate, Adina Nivukoski	Romanian United Nations Youth Delegate, Alexian-Arthur Stark
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