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### Joint Oral Statement delivered by New Humanity of the Focolare Movement

Mr. President,

New Humanity and the co-signing NGOs would like to express its sincere appreciation to the Independent Expert, Ms. Cecilia Baillet, for her comprehensive report on peace and international solidarity and for her continued commitment to advancing this important mandate.

We fully share the concern expressed in the report regarding the growing challenges facing our world: armed conflicts, increasing polarization, inequalities, environmental crises, and the weakening of trust among peoples and nations.

In this context, strengthening international solidarity is not only desirable; it is essential for building sustainable peace. Our organization would like to emphasize one key message: young people are indispensable actors in promoting “international solidarity for peace”.

Too often, youth are seen only as beneficiaries of peacebuilding efforts. However, young people are already leading initiatives that foster dialogue, social cohesion, intercultural understanding, and cooperation across borders. They are building bridges where others see divisions, and they are demonstrating every day that solidarity can be transformed into concrete action.

The experiences highlighted in our written submission show that young people are actively contributing to a culture of peace through education, dialogue, community engagement, and international cooperation. These initiatives reach millions of young people and demonstrate the transformative potential of youth-led action.

We therefore encourage Member States and United Nations institutions to create more opportunities for meaningful youth participation in peacebuilding and decision-making processes.

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Young people must have a seat at the table when policies affecting their future are discussed.

New Humanity remains committed to working with young people, civil society, and international institutions to strengthen a global culture of peace and solidarity.

Thank you.