



Dear Chairman and delegates,

Thank you for giving us the floor. We also thank the director general of Unesco for pointing out that in the year 2020, “1.6 billion learners were affected by an unprecedented educational disruption”. Just these data show how far billions of people around the world are away from living in dignity.

It is also a matter of inequalities. Already pre-pandemic existed inequalities such as those because of age, gender, sector and type of work, economic wealth, nationality and geographical background, because of health. All these inequalities became even worse in the last years, following the Pandemic. In this sense it’s really urgent to continue our struggles aiming for social justice, dignified work and quality education for all.

As young workers, we call all governments and states to really invest in strong social protection. This Social Protection obviously must include qualified education for all. We demand this education to be free, because Education is a human right.

Such approach obviously needs solidarity, it also needs investment. We call on all to really invest here. We also call on all the governments and states to verify: Who are the actors, who maybe did not suffer, but profitted economically from the last years Pandemic? It must be ensured that these actors contribute accordingly to the common good.

For the YCW, training and educating young workers means not only education in the formal system, but it means educating so that we can solve the contradictions we face. In this sense IYCW continues to promote and organize everywhere it is possible. We urge everyone to promote young people’s participation so that we, young people, can give our contribution in today’s world.

Last but not least we congratulate UNESCO for its symbolic celebration of 75th anniversary on this next Friday, November 2021. The

contribution of Unesco in building peace through international cooperation in Education, the Sciences and Culture is an immeasurable and worth more than all the gold for the world. Please, let us continue to engage on this same path.

Thank you!