



Keep the Promise, end poverty now!

Swiss Youth Delegate Adina Rom addresses the **STAND UP** pledge on October 17th together with Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon. 38.7 Million people around the world showed their solidarity with those living in poverty and their commitment to fight poverty and inequality.

We remind you:

That every day 50,000 people die needlessly as a result of extreme poverty, and the gap between rich and poor is getting wider.

That 6 of the 8 MDGs concern young people!

We, youth delegates and young people, request:

That all leaders – from both rich and poor countries – step up their efforts to keep their promises to meet the Millennium Development Goals.

That young people, as key actors of development and change, are included in the planning and implementation of Poverty Reduction Strategies!

That young people are empowered, based on a strong formal and non-formal education, in order to make use of their own potential.

Machel Study 10-Year Strategic Review **Children and Conflict** In a changing world

The UNICEF Youth Report “Will you Listen? Young Voices from Conflict Zones” of the Machel 10-Year Strategic Review presents the thoughts and views of some 1700 children and young people in 92 countries affected by armed conflicts. Many of the young people cited the need for stronger youth participation in humanitarian program planning, peacebuilding and other efforts.

Young advocate and author of “A Long Way Gone, Memoirs of a Boy Soldier”, Mr. Ishmael Beah gave an impressive speech in the 3rd Committee on October 17th during the launch of the Machel Strategic Review.

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