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## **The Sendai Stakeholder Children & Youth Group (DRR Working Group)- MGCY, Statement for The Global Youth Environment Assembly (GYEA) - UNEA6.**

The Sendai Stakeholder Children & Youth Group advocates for a prevention-oriented approach that strives to leave no life behind. Embracing biodiversity ensures the survival of countless species and safeguards essential ecosystem services upon which human societies rely.

The youth hold this key to safeguarding our planet's biodiversity and have been engaged in advocacy and capacity-building initiatives. With our passion, innovation, and collective power, young people can drive significant change in protecting and restoring ecosystems worldwide.

As Sendai Stakeholders Children and Youth, we know the risk landscape of our world is rapidly evolving, placing risk-informed policies and resilience-building programs at the centre of our recommendations for conserving the earth. Disasters undermine sustainable development, often setting back decades of hard-won achievements. We call for a shift from managing disasters to managing risks that can sharpen our collective endeavour to prevent and reduce risks and build resilience against current and future shocks and hazards. We request that disaster knowledge and disaster risk reduction be mainstreamed into global environmental governance. We advocate for awareness of the importance of early warnings and anticipatory action in reducing economic and non-economic loss and damage from conflict and climate-induced disasters.

Our message today is the youth are interested and are ready to make a positive difference in the triple planetary crisis of climate change, pollution and waste, and nature and biodiversity loss. We call for the government and civil societies to commit to supporting youth-led initiatives that will ramp up our efforts in the preservation of our natural world. We welcome the financial support pledged by the UNEP to the youths but call for the co-creation of the eligibility and access policies to be more youth-friendly to ensure these financial resources reach the grassroots level where young people are at the frontline.

***Let us all remember that there is nothing for youth without youth.***

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