



Pledge submitted by Istituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice delle Salesiane di Don Bosco (IIMA) to the Human Rights 75 Secretariat
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Pledging entity: Istituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice delle Salesiane di Don Bosco (IIMA) and VIDES International

Location: Switzerland

PLEDGE NUMBER 1: IIMA and VIDES pledge to continue working for the empowerment of young people worldwide, not only by reporting existing protection gaps in the implementation of human rights with regard to youth, but also by greatly valuing the crucial role of youth in the promotion of human rights for society at large. Accordingly, both NGOs have been active in calling the attention of the Human Rights Council and other UN human rights bodies on the specific situation of youth in order to ensure that the rights of youth are placed high on the list of priorities. The present joint pledge is submitted in the framework of the Human Rights 75 initiative. The data and information obtained for this contribution came from the advocacy work carried out by IIMA Human Rights Office and VIDES International in the framework of the UN in Geneva and in collaboration with members and partners on the ground, including young people.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Oct 31, 2024

PLEDGE NUMBER 2: IIMA and VIDES pledge to guarantee the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights for youth, value their role as defenders of human rights and promoters of the common good, and ensure their effective, transformative participation in decision-making processes and in addressing global human rights issues. IIMA and VIDES will tirelessly advocate for the systematic mainstreaming of youth rights through existing UN Human Rights mechanisms, especially the UPR and the Treaty Bodies, in order to ensure that the rights of youth are placed high on the UN Human Rights Council's list of priorities. A goal we aim to achieve by 2025.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Nov 30, 2025