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Press Release - The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

Geneva, Switzerland – March 15, 2024 – Mr. Jaewon Choi, Executive Director of the DMUN Foundation, joined delegates at the 2024 United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (RFSD), held in Geneva from 13 to 14 March 2024, with preparatory meetings on 11 and 12 March 2024.

Invited by the United Nations Major Group on Children and Youth, Mr. Choi represented three youth-led non-profit organizations—the DMUN Foundation, the Katija Hyunjungjo Neuber Institute, and YouthCubed—as the youngest participant in the entire forum.

Throughout the Forum, Mr. Choi delivered nine strategic interventions:

Public Plenary and Roundtable Speeches: Four live-broadcast interventions (in English, French, and Russian) on UN Web TV, covering the region's progress on SDGs, youth engagement in policymaking, and innovative financing for resilience.



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Civil Society Pre-Meeting Contributions: Five focused interventions during the Civil Society Pre-Meeting, collaborating with other NGO representatives to strengthen youth participation in UNECE processes.

In partnership with the Major Group on Children and Youth, Mr. Choi co-authored a comprehensive Youth Report, consolidating global youth recommendations. This report, approved by RFSD Co-Chairs—the Permanent Representatives of Armenia and the Czech Republic—will be presented to the Summit of the Future later in 2024, influencing negotiations among all 193 UN Member States.

“Our generation holds the key to transformative, sustainable policies,” said Mr. Choi. “RFSD 2024 proved that youth are not merely observers but essential drivers of change in the global arena.”

The UNECE RFSD engages ambassadors of its 56 member States, along with civil society and youth constituencies, to review regional SDG implementation and feed outcomes into key UN mechanisms. The Forum’s outputs, including the Youth Report, will inform the forthcoming Declaration of the Future and the Summit of the Future at UN Headquarters.

About the DMUN Foundation

The DMUN Foundation is a youth-led NGO empowering young people through education, capacity-building, and advocacy on multilateral affairs and sustainable development. Learn more at www.dmun.org

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