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Executive Director Jaewon Choi Elevates Youth Voices at HLPF 2024

New York, NY – July 17, 2024 – Mr. Jaewon Choi, Executive Director of the DMUN Foundation, participated as the youngest delegate at the 2024 UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 8 to 17 July 2024 under the auspices of the UN Economic and Social Council.

Invited by the United Nations Major Group on Children and Youth, Mr. Choi represented three youth-led non-profit organisations—the DMUN Foundation, the Katija Hyoungjoo Neuber Institute, and YouthCubed—bringing a unified youth perspective to the world's foremost platform for reviewing progress on the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Mr. Choi delivered a powerful intervention during a session on SDG Acceleration as a Civil Society Delegate. He pointed out some of the systemic barriers and discrimination faced by youths, especially minors in effective engagement with the United Nations.

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Participants and speakers in this session included the State Minister of Spain, H.E. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, and 193 Member States and other observers of the United Nations.

"This generation's insights and innovations are indispensable for achieving transformative, sustainable solutions," said Mr. Choi. "At HLPF 2024, youth leaders moved from the margins to the centre of global policymaking."

The HLPF is the UN's central platform for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda and its 17 SDGs, bringing together Member States, UN entities, civil society, the private sector, and other stakeholders. The outcomes of the 2024 forum—including the Youth Report—will feed into the upcoming **Declaration of the Future** and the **Summit of the Future** to be convened at UN Headquarters later this year.

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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