TOGETHER FIRST
A global system that works for all.

Yes	Yes	Yes
Deploy existing and emerging technology	**Conflicts of interest or accountability**	**Short**
Global catastrophic risks mitigated	**Risk multipliers managed**	**Implementation timeframe**

As Secretary-General Guterres said "young people are an enormous asset to our societies. We must cherish them, invest in them and empower them." Our international system needs to better develop its mechanisms for engaging with youth through a youth advisory body.

However, there is currently no dedicated mechanism for youth engagement within the UN system. Studies of international institutions' efficacy have identified this as one of the four major challenges facing the UN's UN75 dialogue must be seized as an opportunity to address this gap and to meet the challenges of the world in a speech at the start of 2020.

Therefore a two step approach is required, where first a consensus is developed via the UN75 process as to the structure of the problem and the desirability of this solution, and then, the project is taken forward in close collaboration with existing youth networks such as the Model United Nations network and the youth elements of the global community of United Nations Associations.

This proposal would mark a step towards improved relations between our global system and the people it was set up to serve.

A youth advisory body would have a twofold mandate, firstly to ensure that the work the UN does on youth is on point and meets the needs and rights of young people. This would support the implementation and follow-up of the UN youth strategy and ensure a bottom up approach as well as develop different standards to promote youth participation and young people's access to rights in the member states. Secondly, the youth advisory body should also be mandated to mainstream youth across the UN system, ensuring that young people are represented in all areas that concern youth, and that young people with different backgrounds are heard in the development of the UN system, the implementation of the UN Agenda 2030 and all other strategic operations of the UN.