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Madame Chair, Distinguished Delegates and all participants.

My name is Tuba Sida Senyigit, a Kurdish law student from Germany with Jewish roots. From studying law, human rights, and the history of Germany, I have learned one thing: peace begins with recognition and trust only grows when minorities are treated as equals, not as outsiders. True social cohesion is built not by words, but by action. No society can be peaceful when some voices are silenced, when languages are erased, or when participation becomes a privilege instead of a right. Kurdish communities, for instance, continue to face barriers to language, culture, and representation, yet they continue to build bridges through education, art, dialogue, and resilience. But resilience should never be the prize for dignity. To build trust and inclusive coexistence, states must: 1) protect linguistic, cultural, and educational rights; 2) guarantee equal political participation and representation; and 3) create safe spaces for youth, women, and human rights defenders to speak without fear. I speak not for an organization but as a part of a generation, and Kurdish history that believes that peace and justice begin with recognition. We are ready to contribute if only we are allowed to stand, speak, and belong. Thank you.