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The United Nations (UN) needs to chart a transformative path towards a digitally inclusive future, cognisant of the opinions and fundamental rights of children to be democratically involved in digital governance policy, by adopting a proactive and collaborative stance in its pivotal role across the stakeholder organizations. Rooted in the principles of sustainable development, the UN's approach should be characterized by concrete actions and inclusivity. Each chapter should unfold with targeted strategies, from maximizing sustainable youth development to addressing international peace and security concerns, all interconnected for a comprehensive impact. The following succinct recommendations delineate actionable steps, ensuring the UN's commitment to shaping a world where digital rights are ingrained in the fabric of global governance, science, technology, and the well-being of present and future generations.

Chapter I. Sustainable Development and Financing for Development

The UN should prioritize sustainable youth development by implementing comprehensive strategies beyond social media, including educational programs, mentorship initiatives, and community engagement projects. To ensure adequate funding, the UN can explore partnerships with governmental bodies, NGOs, and private enterprises, fostering a collaborative approach to secure resources. Identifying diverse stakeholders, such as educational institutions, corporations, and community organizations, is crucial for a holistic and inclusive sustainable development agenda. Increasing development also involves increasing youth participation. This can be achieved through enabling discussions about digital rights between youth and policymakers in digital spaces and platforms.

Chapter II. International Peace and Security

In addressing international peace and security, the UN should propose foundations centered on education, conflict resolution, and diplomatic initiatives. It should highlight countries with pressing youth-related security concerns for targeted action. To ensure inclusivity, the UN must utilize diverse platforms, actively seeking the voices of youth from various backgrounds. Advocacy for digital rights on international platforms should be informed, justifiable, and rooted in a commitment to youth representation and protection.

Chapter III. Science, Technology, and Innovation and Digital Cooperation

The UN should focus on specific scopes, such as digital literacy and STEM education, to empower the contribution of young generations. To keep youth engaged in science, technology, and innovation, the UN should utilize interactive platforms, mentorship & training programs, and partnerships. Some partnerships include tech companies, research centers, academic institutions, and international

organizations. This proactive approach ensures that the youth are not only informed about current trends but are also active participants in shaping the future in these fields.

Chapter IV. Youth and Future Generations

To catalyze digital rights for youth and future generations, the UN must embrace a holistic, intersectional approach. Collaborating with educational institutions, youth organizations, governmental bodies, and civil society ensures a comprehensive strategy that addresses diverse challenges. This inclusive outreach, spanning targeted social media campaigns, workshops, and partnerships, guarantees broad engagement. Integrating digital rights education into formal curricula establishes a lasting impact. To sustain these initiatives, the UN should remain adaptable, anticipating and addressing emerging challenges through collaboration with tech industry leaders. Another approach to sustaining the impact of these initiatives is through implementing youth-led chapters across the world to create local change and reform. These chapters will involve youth developing AI projects dedicated towards positive social impact, and educating local communities on AI and its long-term implications for society. Allowing youth to have an active role in shaping local policy allows for a diverse discussion of digital rights to be expanded across the globe. This integrated strategy, aligned with the overarching theme of sustainable development, ensures a resilient framework that advances digital rights, contributing to a more equitable and sustainable future.

Chapter V. Transforming Global Governance

The UN should define global governance clearly, emphasizing its relevance across generations. Targeting influential generations, such as youth, first can create a ripple effect for broader support. Platforms like international conferences and partnerships with policy-focused organizations should be emphasized to engage a global audience. To ensure a strong global presence, the UN should actively participate in policy discussions, collaborate with international organizations, and leverage digital platforms to disseminate its message effectively, with input and directives from a stakeholder comprised of youth groups. Supporting ethical and accountable technology development, use, and development allows for a moral implementation of AI that protects and prioritizes essential human rights in the digital sphere.