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Distinguished Vice President, Dear Organization Team and Fellow delegates,

It is a great honor to speak to you on behalf of Turkish delegation here in Y20 China.

Before starting my speech, I would like to express my deep sorrows for the hundreds of martyrs in my country, who stood up against the coup plotters to defend our democracy last week.

People were shot by helicopter fires direct shotguns and crushed by tanks, fighter jets bombarded parliament and intelligence agency building leaving more than 1000 citizens wounded. It was so cruel that reminded terrorist attacks in Nice, in Baghdad, in Brussels or in Istanbul.

Last week, Turkey has demonstrated how all the nation can come together to stand against any actions threatening the democracy. This coup attempt was staged by a group in the army having connections with the Fethullah Gulen who resides still in United States. I would like to stress that Turkish people having different political stances as well as opposition parties' leaders have supported our government in the fight with coup plotters.

After this terrible event, once again we see that courage and determination of young people in speaking up their ideas may change history. The same motivation made us, Turkish Delegation, to come to this summit under dire circumstances.

And as you all know, this is the main reason we gathered here. Last year, during Turkey's G20 Presidency, our proposals on youth unemployment and refugee problems has taken its place in the G20's final communique. It is valuable to see youth's statements on the leaders agenda. But what is more valuable is implementation of these statements.

Therefore we should work further on urging leaders to transform their words into quantifiable actions. We need to create continuity among summits by making more references to previous Y20 Summits, and we should be a close follower of the promises in G20 summit communique so that we can raise public awareness and keep bringing up the issues we care about.

Before ending, I would like to thank you Mr. Vice president for giving the opportunity to make this summit happen and inviting us to this beautiful building, thank you All China Youth Federation and all its volunteers for their efforts during the whole process, and thank you my fellow delegates for getting here and working for a better world.

I hope we will have tough but fruitful discussions during the summit and an effective communique at the end. I wish you good luck!

Thank You!