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Dear President,

Kindly find attached my report regards Cop 27 - Sharm El Sheih Egypt Event Report.

Thanks a lot

Best regards,

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## Climate Change Adaptation, Youths and Capacity Building

The last two years were tough. We faced a global pandemic, tensions as a result of conflicts and climate crises in the form of floods, wildfires and other disasters in different parts of the world.

The climate crisis didn't go away during the past difficult years. It became more pronounced, especially with the ongoing situation in the energy sector. This means that our collective effort should remain incessant, and all parties should intensify their actions towards low carbon investment in order to transition towards a climate neutral and climate resilient economy.

This with a view to reduce GHG emissions in order to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius but also to increase the ability of countries to deal with the impacts of climate change.

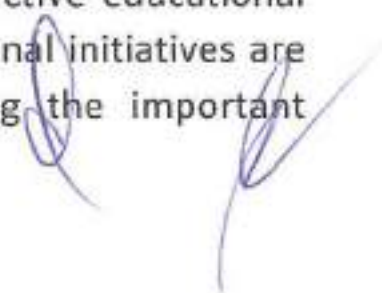
The current changes in the planet's climate are transforming the world. The last two decades included some of the warmest years on record, and extreme weather events, such as forest fires, heatwaves and floods, are becoming more frequent both in Europe and elsewhere.

In Malta, we are too already experiencing more frequent extreme climatic effects such as flash floods and prolonged drought periods.

The proof is there for all to see and together, we need to work on collective measures and solutions. Measures that will facilitate a green revolution.

But the green transition requires a paradigm shift through behavioural change.

One we can only achieve if we have strong interactive educational programmes for future generations. Such educational initiatives are strongly linked with climate change, highlighting the important



impacts which this can bring in different areas, and hence our livelihoods.

In parallel, adaptation capabilities needs not only financing but also capacity building. Nations must ensure that funds for climate change adaptation are channeled to where they are most needed, improving the current frameworks.

More specifically on youths: Youths of today are not only the future victims of climate change but are also pivotal change enablers.

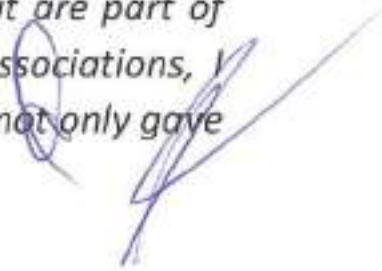
In Malta, youth organizations have not backed down to discuss the issue of climate change in Malta, and the role which youth can play in leading the green transition, including by raising more awareness on the issue.

Of course, raising awareness alone will not solve the issue. And action in Malta will not be enough.

Youths are trailblazers. Problem solvers.

This is why we need initiatives such as the Seed Green programme – which is an initiative in Malta that provides young and aspiring entrepreneurs the opportunity to acquire knowledge, skills-sets, and tools to develop an initial green and sustainable idea into a viable start-up venture. In other words, we need comprehensive platforms for young people to explore, engage and lead the green transition required within the business realm.

*All this I've shared during COP 27 in Sharm El Sheikh in Egypt where I was invited as a Young Elected Politician member of Platforma in CEMR which stands for The Council of European Municipalities and Regions. This is the largest organisation of local and regional governments in Europe. Its members are 60 national associations of towns, municipalities and regions from 41 countries that are part of the Council of Europe. Thanks to AKL (Local Council Associations, I became its member and offered such opportunity which not only gave*



*myself a knowledgeable experience which helped me also to widen my network, but it put a spotlight on the work being done by local councils and Regions in Malta.*

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