Ladies and Gentlemen

I would like to start with a little experiment.

Please close your eyes.

*If I can dream of a better land*

*Where all my brothers walk hand in hand*

*Tell me why can't my dream come true*

*If I can dream of a warmer sun*

*Where hope keeps shining on everyone*

*Tell me why won't that sun appear*

*But as long as a man*

*Has the strength to dream*

*He can redeem his soul and fly*

*He can fly*

*Out there in the dark, there's a beckoning candle*

*And while I can think, while I can talk*

*While I can stand, while I can walk*

*While I can dream*

*Please let my dream*

*Come true*

*Right now*

You can open your eyes now.

This is the difference between most of you and me.

The difference between seeing and being blind.

You can chose to open your eyes or not.

For me, there is no difference.

When your eyes were closed,

I just shared some phrases with you of one of my favorite Elvis Presley songs called

If I can dream.

And dreaming is what I do,

even though I have never saw any light.

Sometimes life is challenging

But I learned that much is possible

and I can reach higher than I ever imagined.

When I finished high school my teacher said:

you came, you saw and you succeed.

These words I never forgot.

And at this moment I am studying to become a social worker.

I learned that dreams are possible.

For me it is an honor to stand here

and talk about dreams

on behalf of the visually impaired community.

Although I have no sight,

I do have a vision

to make the dreams of this community true.

And this is where we need you.

In this building there are so many smart people together

who can help us with our dreams.

We have the experience to know what we need

and you have the knowledge to help us succeed in our journey.

Our future will be brighter when we work together.

It is my ambition to build a bridge between you and us.

Therefore I would like to found an International Youth Platform

that is seriously taken into account in the important work you do.

Let us be one big team of scientists, explores and visually impaired people.

I hope you believe in this dream as much as I do.

Dream with us, let us dream, do and succeed together.

Thank you very much