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The United Nations has played very essential role since its inception in 1945 for the promotion and protection of human rights world over be it the rights of women, adult men, children and youth, its subsidiary bodies like OHCHR has always provided platform to discuss human right situations. The UN has always supported and strengthened democratic form of governments because democracy is government in which power and civic responsibility are exercised by all adult citizens, directly, or through their freely elected representatives, it protects basic human rights and fundamental freedoms like right to equal protection under law and it give spaces to youth to come forward and participate in decision making at all levels of the society.

The theme “**Widening the Democratic Space: the role of youth in public decision-making**”. Is of vital importance and we at the Society for Human Advancement and Disadvantaged Empowerment (SHADE) organization believe that young people not only have the right to decide how resources are allocated and spent but their valuable knowledge and viewpoints can make better governance. The society for Human Advancement and Disadvantaged Empowerment is a Non-government, not for profit organization.

Analysis of the global experience of young people reveals that young people lack access to most of the processes through which adults can articulate their concerns. In very few countries youth under the age of 18 are given the right to vote, they lack access to media and courts, they are rarely members of trade unions and professional associations. The SHADE organization presents following suggestions

* Regular Participation of Youth groups in Forum on Human Rights Democracy and Rule of Law.
* Youth policy of Forum on Human Rights Democracy and Rule of Law that will provide guiding principles for the member states and Civil Society Organizations world over.
* Member states should be asked by the Forum on Human Rights and OHCHR to Develop National Plan of Actions regarding Youth participation in decision making at all levels of the society.
* The National Plan of Actions must engaging young people in decision making at the local councils/local government systems as this will prepare them for their effective participation for the next tier of decision making that is federal systems, moreover, mechanisms need to be developed regarding this.

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* Robust Youth Policies at every level in the society can bring robust development and prosperity in every field of society.
* Governments need to take appropriate legislative, administrative measures to ensure that the rights of young people are realized.

The Society for Human Advancement and Disadvantaged Empowerment SHADE organization will further elaborate these suggestions point-wise in the Forums meeting if given a chance.

We are very thankful to OHCHR for asking us to submit suggestion; it is indeed an honor for us to write few suggestions for OHCHR.

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