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*Seul le texte prononcé fait foi*

*Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests, and fellow young activists,*

*I am deeply honored to represent the State of Geneva at this year's Young Activists Summit.*

*Salvino, Rena, Dev, Aminata, Marina: congratulations!*

*Your courage and commitment show us that another world is possible.*

*We hope this recognition will amplify your impact and inspire countless others to join you.*

*We live in turbulent times.*

*Human rights are under attack.*

*Conflicts are multiplying.*

*Climate crisis is deepening.*

*And yet, a flood of often distressing information threatens to overwhelm us all, and especially young people.*

*But here's what gives me hope: never before has a generation been so connected, so equipped to turn digital tools into instruments of change.*

*You are using AI and technology not just to solve problems, but to reimagine solutions. Creating tech hubs in favelas. Connecting students with policymakers through QR codes.*

*Monitoring water quality with low-cost sensors. Training women in remote areas for digital safety. Using tech to make health care accessible to all.*

*This is what inspires me most: seeing youth demand justice, equity, and inclusion—and then building the platforms to make it happen. Amplifying not just their own voices, but those of the marginalized.*

*And yet, as we embrace these powerful innovations, we must also ensure they remain guided by ethics and responsibility. Geneva, with its unique role as a hub of global governance and human rights, has a special responsibility to help frame these technologies so that they serve humanity, not the other way around.*

*Geneva is proud to support this Summit.*

*As a center of global governance and human rights, as a space where civil society speaks freely, we believe in the multilateral system and in one essential truth: young voices must be at the decision-making table.*

*The interconnected challenges we face demand collective action at scale. And that's exactly what you represent: a community proving that together, we truly go further.*

*Thank you for your activism.*

*Thank you for your hope.*

*To present the awards, I now invite the next generation to the stage.*