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Speaking at the event, the Permanent Representat ve of the Kingdom of Morocco to the UN, Omar Hilale, underlined that the internat onal day serves "more than a moment of contemplat on, but is a real call to act on to combat and counter hate speech that threatens the fundamentals of human rights and dignity, and undermines peace stability and development worldwide", while sharing the example of Morocco's strategy of involving youth at the heart of policies.

Other speakers at the event included the Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs, Felipe Paullier, UNICEF Special Adviser on Child Rights, Manuel Fontaine, Chief of Staff and Special Advisor to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children, Pablo Espiniella, UNDP Crisis Bureau a.i. Head of

