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Dear Friend of the World Youth Alliance,

My name is Albert Mengual and I am a Research and Advocacy Fellow working at WYA Headquarters in New York. After completing Law School in Valencia (Spain), and the Certificate in Transnational Law in Geneva (Switzerland), I became a lawyer called to the Spanish Bar, and worked first as an intern and then as a consultant at the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva. I had heard about WYA, and, after having applied for an internship at their NY headquarters, I was offered the possibility to be a Research and Advocacy Fellow. In this role, I attended major conferences and meetings at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on WYA's behalf, and worked on legal research projects related to WYA's advocacy work.

Unlike other members that join in our work, I learned about WYA just before coming to New York. Although I knew about WYA's existence, I did not know about the goals it pursued. It was therefore a big surprise to discover its work in policy and culture. As a researcher, I worked on two new WYA White Papers—one on surrogacy and another on the European perspective of reproductive health.

A very important part of my work has been to attend and monitor United Nations negotiations. I have had the chance to follow closely the developments of the Post-2015 Development Agenda negotiations, and directly talk to delegates who are participating in the decision-making process. This has been a very formative

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experience for me. I have delved into the United Nations' negotiations process and have been able to lead a training session on these topics for new WYA interns. In the future, I may enroll in a Master Program in International Human Rights Law.

I would like to thank you for your contribution without which this experience would not have been possible.

With my best regards,



Albert Mengual

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