

One of the proposals was that a World Youth Assembly be convened every two years, and that it be organized on a "more democratic" basis.

The World Youth Assembly was an event unprecedented in the UN's 25 years, and reactions to it were predictably mixed. In his address at the close, Secretary-General U Thant said:

The opinions you have expressed and the proposals you have made may not always have been in the polished language of diplomats, and many of them may not represent new or fresh ideas. It was rather the vigour and frankness with which you expressed these views that made your deliberations so valuable The debates at the Youth Assembly have made it clear that youth is to be treated not as an isolated element in society but as an integral part of it. As such, the ideological, political and other preoccupations of the world were bound to reflect themselves in the attitude of youth, sometimes in a way even sharper than the opinions expressed by the older generation. This is natural, and should serve to caution those who tend to segregate youth and idealize youth.