

Thank you Honorable Chair, Distinguished Delegates and Special Guests.

I am Ghanim Al Muftah, a UN youth representative from Qatar, and a political science graduate with a noteworthy passion for global rights for all

I am honoured to speak to you,,,,, leaders, heads of state, and individuals in high positions at the Summit of the Future.

If you allow me , I will share some personal insights with you.

But,,,, not as leaders.

But as fathers, mothers, and guardians

family focused people who care deeply about the future of all children and the generations that follow.

The decisions we make today are not just about policies and strategies.

They are about shaping a world where all children, can thrive in an inclusive, safe and sustainable future.

I am a perfect example of living my parent's dreams for me 22 years ago.

I stand before you today proudly representing hope from yesterday's dreams, which will continue to carry me to my future.

I have been raised with strong family values, where our home model was built on believing in yourself to manifest confidence for your future.

As person with a disability, I have learned that true progress comes not from overcoming personal challenges alone, but from how we as a society embrace each other's differences.

As I look around the room, I don't see anyone else like me.

But you have accepted my differences without prejudice, gender, nationality, race, or religion. You have accepted all of me.

This must be the way we conduct our tomorrow.

Where inclusivity is a fundamental right, not a luxury.

Where every individual can contribute to the common good of the future, no matter our differences.

It was my destiny to be born with a disability.  
I chose to accept it.

But.

Sadly, there is no choice for children where wars & conflicts CAUSE unnecessary injuries and life long disabilities. The future for these children and families can tear away hope.

22 years ago when my mother was told that I was hopeless and going to die, she only listened to her heart.

She wrote a book, I am Here, and 22 years later, I am still here, sharing my life's experiences to lend others hope and to give a voice to the unheard.

There are more than 1 billion people with disabilities In the world. If they allow me , I unite with them to say ...

We raise our voices to stop these unexpected disabilities worldwide, where peace is unseen.  
It's in our hands to stop these global trends of violence In Gaza and around the world  
We must end this suffering today, so that a clearer tomorrow can be seen.

We are all leaders here.

A leader's role is to listen to the people.

We must understand what the people want and address their voices through platforms like this to drive meaningful change.

The future belongs to our youth.

We must ensure that they are prepared to take on leadership roles in order to be the change makers.

You must be the change you wish to see in the world.

I wish all distinguished delegates and special guests a successful summit as we move forward together to a new day of possibilities.

Thank you