



Junior 8 Summit

Statement by Refilwe Tsumane to the Italian Parliament 9 July 2009

" Good Morning,

My name is Refilwe Tsumane. It's a privilege for me to be here as a non G8 delegate to be able to pass on what we have done as the J8 community.

We as the youth of the world see the J8 as a platform for us to voice our opinions, views and concerns about our respective countries.

It has been a busy five days for us. Not only did we get to know each other's different countries, we also got to know each other's cultures and roots.

We as the J8 community have actively been busy drafting the declaration for our G8 members. It was not easy, but we as a community made it work. As we were looking for consensus on the resolution, we got to be children and express ourselves and just be free.

But then, we also had the responsibility to draw up a good Declaration where all of our opinions were considered.

I SAY STRENGTH TO STRENGTH J8, WE ARE INDEED THE VOICES FOR THE YOUTH OF THE WORLD. I thank you. "