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Harantxa Jean is a 22-year-old Canadian leader and PhD student at Columbia University, with an apparatus at the intersection of the humanities, diplomacy, and the arts. Having recently graduated Valedictorian of McGill University, during which she earned a Certificate at Sciences Po Paris, Harantxa represents Canada's 7+ million youth across 3 UN bodies and other organizations. As a UNICEF Canada Youth Advocate, she leads youth-empowering initiatives on topics such as BIPOC rights, education, and civic engagement. Internationally, the Government of Canada appointed her as the nation's first Youth Representative to UNESCO's World Conference on Cultural Policies since its 1982 debut. She now expands her UN path as the first Canadian advisor of its YouthLED Board, with the same conviction on justice and anti-corruption that motivates her work. As an artist with projects recognized by Zendaya, Serena Williams and more, Harantxa sees art as a vehicle for change and runs Poetic Faith on Substack.

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