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The Final Document of the Synod 2018 asked that "the activity of the Office for the Young in the Dicastery for the Laity, the Family and Life be strengthened, not least through the constitution of an organ to represent the young at an international level" (123). To this effect, the Department has established an International Advisory Body for young people, appointing as members for a three-year period twenty young people from different regions of the world and from various movements, associations and international communities. These are young people who have been involved in different phases of the Synodal process, such as, for example, the International Youth Forum organized by the Dicastery last June to promote the implementation of the Apostolic Exhortation *Christus vivit*.

The group will play an important consultative and propositional role, collaborating with the Dicastery to examine in depth the issues related to youth ministry and any other issues of more general interest.

The first meeting is scheduled to take place in April 2020 in Rome.