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### Agenda Item 10.1 Health Workforce and Services: Draft global strategy on human resources for health: workforce 2030

Honourable chair, distinguished delegates,

We, the International Federation of Medical Students' Association (IFMSA), welcome the discussion on this crucial topic.

We call upon those present today to think about all the people that die due to a lack of health professionals in their communities, and further to go beyond the discussions of recruitment and retention, in order to achieve the health workforce we need and that our communities deserve. Therefore, we urge you to ensure the following:

- 1. Quality of education, proper working and learning conditions:** There is a rapid uncontrolled growth of numbers of medical faculties worldwide which has negative impacts on health professionals' education. We urge health workforce planners to consider not only the number of medical schools, but also ensure the quality, by addressing the specific learning and working conditions of students as well as the needs of the population, and the distribution of the health workforce globally and in rural and urban areas. Furthermore, we call for medical schools to be properly accredited according to international standards.
- 2. Comprehensive, timely, and adequate health workforce planning:** We, the future health workforce, who will face the consequences of decisions taken today and are responsible for the patients of tomorrow, call for collaboration between all major stakeholders, including WHO, GHWA, governments, educational institutions, the World Federation for Medical Education, and medical students worldwide, to ensure the implementation of the WHO Code of Practice on HRH.

Today, we commit to our responsibilities to positively impact the communities we serve. Today, we are calling on you to do the same. Today, we are underscoring the need for adopting the Global Strategy on Human Resources for Health, and we are calling for our governments' commitment to implement national strategies to ensure the health of the health workforce.

Thank you.