Honorable Chair,
Distinguished Delegates,

We, the International Federation of Medical Students’ Associations, would like to congratulate the launching of the Global Strategy and commend all parties investing their efforts and time to fight for health and well-being of women, children and adolescents.

As active members of the community and part of the future professional health workforce, IFMSA has a strong stance on the importance of optimizing health along all stages of the life course. This can only be achieved by actively tackling those inequities that make women, children and adolescents more vulnerable and prone to poorer health outcomes and by ensuring our efforts are steadily focused on reducing maternal, newborn and child mortality among fragile populations, including those suffering humanitarian crises or living in unstable settings.

We acknowledge the existing challenges that implementing such comprehensive plans entail, that is why an efficient multi sectoral and collective approach and a great dose of accountability from all stakeholders is imperative to move forward.

Therefore, we call on member states:

- To work towards the implementation of Global Strategy by specifically ensuring a rights-based access to family planning and contraception services and a by promoting non-judgmental healthcare that respects the rights of Women, Children and Adolescents.
- To guarantee all the health workforce including students are provided with evidence-based comprehensive education on SRHR.

As medical students worldwide of today and healthcare professionals of tomorrow, we want to share our commitment with the Global Strategy. Only by acting together, can we turn words on paper into real action and set up the wheel of change that will eventually ensure not only the survival, thriving and transformation of individuals, but also the achievement of their full potential in every aspect of their lives.

Thank you for your attention.