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**Statement of the
International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA)
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Sustainable Development**

Honourable chair,
Distinguished delegates,

With a strong passion for the Sustainable Development Goals and 2030 agenda, the IFMSA warmly welcomes the report. We would like to highlight the mentioned need for intersectoral action by multiple stakeholders.

As a youth organisation representing 1.3 million medical students worldwide, made of passionate change-makers, who will be prominent health leaders in 2030, we encourage stronger focus on intergenerational collaboration already today. We highly appreciate the extensive efforts of some WHO departments to collaborate with us and other youth organisations. However, both at the global and national level, youth is often either left out of conversations or their voices are tokenized. As future decision-makers, doctors and technical experts, we are highly motivated to learn and collaborate with those of today. Already now, we believe young people can bring innovative ideas, intellectual capacity, lateral thinking and fresh perspectives.

In IFMSA, we are making an effort to work in intersectoral manners and with multiple stakeholders - for SDG related matters especially through the UN MGCY as the Global Focal Point to SDG3. As the report mentions, we believe that "good health is a precondition for, and an outcome and indicator of, sustainable development". In other UN events that is what we advocate for, and to increase the understanding of interlinkages and highlight the importance of health for prosperity and development.

To name a few, IFMSA works on health and SDG5 - gender equality, SDG 11 - Sustainable cities and communities and SDG13 - Climate Action, and leading up to this year's HLPF we aim to produce some country shadow reports.

We enjoy being part of the 2030 agenda work, we will be grown-ups in 2030, we are involved at the global level to some extent - and we would like to be meaningfully engaged at all levels of society, already now.

Thank you.