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Honorable Chair,
Distinguished Delegates,

The International Federation of Medical Students' Associations welcomes the report of the Secretariat on Health in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We underline the necessity to indeed leave no-one behind while planning the implementation of the adopted goals. This can be done by involving the whole civil society in the planning process. We hope to see a holistic approach while reaching for the achievement of the SDGs and stress the importance of intersectoral collaboration as the key to achieve these strongly interlinked goals.

IFMSA would like to emphasize that the youth of 2016 will be main driving population in the 2030. We see continual meaningful youth involvement in the implementation of the agenda as a crucial necessity. We encourage the WHO to forge stronger partnerships with youth led organizations and put in place structures nationally and internationally which would allow proper participation in developing frameworks, especially those for the successful achievement of the Agenda 2030. Nothing for youth, without youth.

We would like to underline the importance of a rights based approach to sustainable development, which would allow to build people centered policies. As healthcare leaders of tomorrow, we welcome the reiteration of the importance of Universal Health Coverage. We encourage the promotion of healthy lifestyles and health literacy, together with reaching towards health equity in order to support the ambitious strive of UHC.

IFMSA is fully committed to the implementation of the Agenda for Sustainable Development and we call for stronger collaboration between all the stakeholders and solid governance for Goal 17 "Partnerships for the goals". Only by having a genuine and even partnership between Member States and civil society, can we reach the set goals successfully.

Thank you.