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### Joint monitoring framework in the context of the roadmap to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, building on Health 2020, the European policy for health and well-being

The International Federation of Medical Students' Associations applauds the Regional Office for building a joint monitoring framework, taking the next steps to achieve Health 2020 and the 2030 Agenda.

Data collection is of the utmost importance to close the gap between expressed political will and allocated funds as well as overcoming the lack of implementation and accountability mechanisms.

The report of the Regional Director shows that uneven progress in Health and Wellbeing and large health inequalities persist in the European Region. Climate change, poverty, civil unrest, migration, terrorism and other political and social challenges can only be tackled with a whole-of-government, whole-of-society and health-in-all-policy approach:

Therefore, as future healthcare professionals and future custodians of our planet we urge the WHO and member states to:

1. **First:** collect and disaggregate data to allow an in-depth look at trends across different population groups focusing on marginalised groups in societies. Furthermore, the effects of quality education, social inclusion and cohesion, the urban-rural spectrum, sexual orientation, gender and age must be monitored to ensure health for all.
2. **Second:** further strengthen synergies across sectors and ministries and adopt a Health in All Policies approach. For every new policy in any ministries the effects on people's health should be considered. Vice versa, the expertise of the private sector including finance, agriculture, education and urban planning among other is needed to overcome our multidimensional health challenges.
3. **Third:** strengthen intergenerational collaboration. We appreciate the efforts of some WHO departments and governments to collaborate with us and other youth organisations. However, at local, national and regional levels, youth are often either left out of conversations or their voices are tokenized. But what makes a society sustainable if not its children and youth?

Today's realities show more than ever that we can only succeed by meaningful collaborations together: to create the future we want, the future that the next generations need and the future where truly no one is left behind.