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Honorable Chair,
Distinguished Delegates,

The International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA) would like to again point out the importance of realising "Health in all policies." The UN SDGs function as a rational guide for a better future. As the future healthcare providers, we affirm that inclusive youth engagement in working towards the 2030 agenda is of utmost importance on all levels of development, from local initiatives to policy creation and high-level decision-making processes. In addition, we emphasize that Health is an all-encompassing aspect of sustainable development, however success in achieving *goal 3 "good health and wellbeing"* will depend on gains made in the other 16 goals, including ending poverty and hunger, promoting educational, economic and gender equality. This ambition itself, requires the coordination of different governmental sectors and NGOs. The traditional legal concepts are not enough for nowadays challenges and needs any more.

Therefore, the IFMSA calls on **governments** to:

1. Spare no efforts on realization of the SDGs' 17 goals through its 169 targets;
2. Invest funds and human resources in initiatives contributing to the implementation of the SDGs;
3. Ensure youth representation in decision making, implementation processes and official delegations to SDG-related events;
4. Adopt the "Health in All Policies" approach, systematically and explicitly, taking into account the health implications of decisions, by facilitating and encouraging collaborative work among diverse ministries and bureaus;

The implementation of this ambitious agenda requires partnerships not only between governments and civil society, but between governments themselves. In addition, a multi-sectoral approach to implementation is crucial. Health in all policies should be applied and we recognize and commend this in the agenda item.

To better achieve the SDGs all stakeholders shall be involved. Not to forget about fostering and growing a generation of engaged and committed youth is a direct investment in those who are going to achieve the SDGs for your countries.

Thank you.

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