

**Statement of the
International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA)
Continuation of the 73rd World Health Assembly
*Item 18.6 Data and innovation: draft global strategy on digital health***

Honorable President, distinguished delegates,

The International Federation of Medical Students' Associations commends the WHO in its work to create the draft global strategy on digital health. We call on governments and institutions to support the development of evidence-based health technologies.

We strongly call on the WHO and all member states to add one additional 'Guiding Principle' to the strategy: the inclusion of youth. As digital natives, youth have the potential to contribute immensely to the development of digital technologies. Indeed, young people have unique insights into its usability, often have a higher innate interest, and will ultimately be the future users of new technologies. With the engagement of young people, digital health has the true potential to provide more accessible, safe, and equitable high-quality healthcare to all.

Thank you for your attention.