

**Statement of the
International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA)
Continuation of the 73rd World Health Assembly
*Agenda Item 11, Pillar 1 One billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage***

Honorable President, distinguished delegates,

The International Federation of Medical Students' Associations commends the WHO on its continuous efforts and support to member states towards achieving Universal Healthcare Coverage. We affirm that UHC is a key element in ensuring the human right to health and an essential step towards reducing inequalities, especially in the light of healthcare emergencies.

Nevertheless, we would like to strongly emphasize the role of youth, and we call upon WHO and member states to ensure that medical students, who represent the future workforce, are given an integral role in the worldwide movement towards achieving UHC. Therefore, we strongly recommend including youth in every part of the process, including all related reports, supporting the momentum not only as future healthcare professionals but as leaders of today.

Thank you.