Statement of the
International Federation of Medical Students’ Associations (IFMSA)
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Agenda Item 16 on Committing to implementation of the Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health (2016–2030)

Honourable Chairperson, distinguished delegates,

The International Federation of Medical Students’ Associations notes the Director General’s report and emphasizes that women, children, and adolescents are entitled to health systems that protect them and grant equal opportunities to all, in accordance with full recognition of sexual and reproductive health and rights.

COVID-19 brought to the surface long-lasting discrepancies in access, promotion, and protection of SRHR. We still lack disaggregated SRHR data for LGBTQIA+ individuals, people with disabilities, and moving populations, among others.

Therefore, we call on the WHO and Member States to expand their research efforts and address underlying factors which perpetuate violations of women, children, and adolescents’ SRHR, and to commit fully and unwaveringly to the implementation of the global strategy.

Thank you.