

**Statement of the
International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA)
74th World Health Assembly**

Item 13.2 Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases & Item 13.3 Expanding access to effective treatments for cancer and rare and orphan diseases, including medicines, vaccines, medical devices, diagnostics, assistive products, cell- and gene-based therapies and other health technologies; and improving the transparency of markets for medicines, vaccines, and other health products

Honourable Chairperson, Distinguished delegates,

The International Federation of Medical Students' Associations commends the World Health Organization's and its Member States' continuous efforts towards achieving Universal Healthcare Coverage. As the largest youth-led organization we call upon you to meaningfully engage youth at all stages of policy and practice in transparent and equitable vaccine rollouts and initiatives that aim to improve NCDs prevention and care.

Youth are a fundamental stakeholder, but we can only achieve positive change if you, member states, are on board with us. We specifically call upon Member States to ensure the continuation of the essential integration of youth and the wider civil society perspectives in your high-level commitments through the WHO Global Coordination Mechanism on the Prevention and Control of NCDs.

Thank you.