Honourable Chairperson, distinguished delegates,

The International Federation of Medical Students’ Associations, commends the work of the WHO and stakeholders in finalizing the Immunization Agenda 2030.

We would like to emphasize that young people around the world play an important role in immunization through research, education, professional support, and raising awareness. Therefore, we call upon the Member States to meaningfully engage the often untapped resource that is youth in the design, implementation, and evaluation of national and local immunization programs including COVID-19 vaccination.

Furthermore, we currently face the immense threat of inequitable COVID-19 vaccination. To truly leave no one behind and successfully combat this pandemic, we strongly urge the Member States to collectively ensure equitable distribution of vaccines.

Thank you.