

**Statement of the
International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA)
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Item 33 WHO global strategy on health, environment and climate change: the transformation needed to improve lives and well-being sustainably through healthy environments

Honourable Chairperson, distinguished delegates,

Climate change is the greatest threat to global health of the 21st century. We need well-designed, inclusive climate change policies and climate-resilient health systems that can protect the promotion and provision of quality healthcare for all.

Therefore, we call on you, Member States, to engage the health community including students, and integrate the health impacts and opportunities in your Nationally-Determined Contributions and post COVID-19 recovery plans to scale up the necessary ambition. We also call on you to create a society-wide transition to a fossil-free economy.

Climate change is a health emergency, making it essential that health is central in climate negotiations. It is high time to take action towards a healthier future and a healthier planet.

Thank you.