

**Statement of the
International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA)
150th World Health Organization Executive Board Meeting
*Item 11: Immunization Agenda 2030 & Item 12: Infection prevention and control***

Honourable Chairperson, distinguished delegates,

The International Federation of Medical Students' Associations supported by the International Veterinary Students' Association, commends the work of the WHO and stakeholders on the Immunization Agenda 2030 and in combating infectious diseases.

However, there is a need to reverse the declines in global vaccine coverage and strengthen the fight against infectious diseases. Therefore, we urge you all to invest in mass education, to ensure a yearly evaluation of the strategies and implementation efforts, and to coordinate effectively between the relevant sectors within the OneHealth approach.

Moreover, youth interact with many layers of our communities and are able to play an important role to face this challenge. Therefore, we call upon the Member States to meaningfully engage youth in the relevant national and local programs.

Together, we could save the 51 million deaths that are expected if the agenda targets are not met.

Thank you.