

**Statement of the
International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA)
150th World Health Organization Executive Board Meeting
*Item 7: Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the
prevention and control of non-communicable diseases***

Honourable Chairperson, Distinguished delegates,

The International Federation of Medical Students' Associations commends the World Health Organization and its Member States' continuous efforts towards the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases. The rise of NCDs in the COVID-19 era spans many crucial public health issues. Now more than ever, there is an urgent need for global multi-sectoral action. We urge the WHO to establish mechanisms that ensure a comprehensive collaboration across sectors, including civil society organizations and the youth.

As the largest youth-led organization, we call upon you to tackle NCDs through investment in our health workforce including their working conditions and education to ensure that we train a generation of health advocates who are able to successfully and efficiently tackle NCDs individually and through policy.

Thank you