

**Statement of the  
International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA)  
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*Item 15.1 Strengthening WHO preparedness for and response to health emergencies & Item 15.2 Standing  
Committee on Pandemic and Emergency Preparedness and Response***

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Honourable Chairperson, distinguished delegates,

The International Federation of Medical Students' Associations supported by the International Veterinary Students' Association, recognizes that intersectoral interventions, multidisciplinary approaches and meaningful engagement of key stakeholders including youth are fundamental while facing future health emergencies. Expanding the coverage of vaccination to vulnerable populations is necessary to ensure easy access, availability, equity and quality.

We call on you, Member States, to engage youth - including the new WHO Youth Council - fully in the process towards the new mechanism of pandemic preparedness and response. We urge you to build resilient health systems to face public health threats along with combating infodemic, to strengthen vaccine coverage by mass education strategies and develop policies respecting international human rights law. We, the youth, are ready and willing to contribute.

Thank you