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The International Federation of Medical Students' Associations applauds the efforts and initiatives taken by the WHO European Region Members States to achieve the sustainable and equitable world we all envision and truly leave no one behind. Although progress has been made, we are still witnessing significant health disparities within and between our countries that undermine the equity we are trying to achieve.

The IFMSA calls on Member States and non-state actors to create mechanisms to measure the magnitude of health inequities within and among countries, identifying the people and populations affected by these inequities, and analyzing their roots. Secondly, we consider that there is a lack of investment that supports the need for further research on improving health systems taking in consideration the social determinants of health that influence a given population. Finally, with the 2030 Agenda, the world community reaffirmed its commitment to sustainable development. Therefore, IFMSA calls on Member States to develop inclusive policies focused on all people in need and deprivation, aimed at leaving no one behind, in a manner which targets their specific challenges and vulnerabilities, analyzing their impact and progress in communities as they are implemented.

Only through meaningful involvement, interprofessional collaboration and a strong global commitment to health equity can we truly sustain equitable growth and create more fair, inclusive and prosperous communities!