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Maternal, infant and young child nutrition
Comprehensive implementation plan on maternal,
infant and young child nutrition

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Honourable Chair, Distinguished delegates,

This statement is supported by the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA).

I speak today not only as President of the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation, but as a young mother who was able to breastfeed for 2.5 years. Yet this is not the reality for most families; 52.6% of mothers and children never get the chance to exclusively breastfeed for the first six months.

We are the generation that must ensure the 2030 breastfeeding and nutrition targets are met.

Therefore, we urge Member States to adopt national family-focused policies: sufficient paid parental leave, postpartum support, child benefits and guaranteed access to nutritious food for mothers and children, and to ensure that returning to work never forces women to choose between their careers and their families.

Thank you.

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