

**Statement of the
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International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF)**

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Honorable Chairperson, Distinguished Delegates,

The International Pharmaceutical Students Federation and the International Federation of Medical Students Associations, recognize and appreciate the efforts adopted by the WHO, member states, and all concerned parties to advance the implementation of the One Health Approach within the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

The Covid 19 outbreak has served as a reminder for all nations that an integrative approach and studies on the interlink between human - animal and plant health are needed not only to understand the transmission of such emerging zoonotic diseases but also for mitigation and prevention of future risks and threats to human health. As such, according to the One Health principle, a coordinated multi-sectoral approach is detrimental to the well-being of all.

Therefore, the IPSF and the IFMSA call on the member states to :

1. Accelerate the inclusion of the Health workforce as meaningful contributors to the national health policies and Integrative Health strategies in order to highlight sustainable, preventive, and positive One Health Practices.
2. Foster multi-sectoral and multidisciplinary collaborations by adopting whole-of-society and whole-of-government approaches and enhancing the advocacy skills, awareness, and interprofessional collaboration of health workers and other relevant professionals about One health approach and policies.
3. Strengthen youth engagement while developing and implementing One Health national strategies.
4. Include One Health as a constituent topic within the medical, pharmaceutical, and veterinary education curriculum.
5. Provide financial and technical support to any collaborations by non-governmental actors that promote and raise awareness about the importance of the One Health approach and works to improve environmental health and combat environmental destruction

Thank you.

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