

**Statement of the International Federation of Medical Students Associations
(IFMSA)**

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Honorable Chair and Distinguished Delegates,

The International Federation of Medical Students' Associations welcomes the theme of the fiftieth session of the Commission on Population and Development.

As future healthcare providers we face numerous barriers in the pursuit of the

sexual activity; if, when and with whom to have children; and how to freely express their gender identity and sexual orientation. When this is ensured, individuals are able to enact the right to full autonomy over their bodies as well as their universal right to health.