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Honorable Chairperson, distinguished delegates,!

The implications of the COVID-19 pandemic have disproportionately affected vulnerable populations and highlighted global inequalities in the provision of health services and the distribution of essential medicines. However, the scarcity and unequal availability of health technologies predate the pandemic and pose a major challenge to global health. !

The International Federation of Medical Students' Associations, the World Medical Association, and the International Pediatric Association strongly believe that access to essential medicines and health technologies represents the enforcement of the right to health and the idea of global solidarity and equity. Delivering on all essential medicines and products, including those on the WHO model lists of essential medicines and of essential medicines for child