

MSF Statement on Agenda Item 16.2 - Strengthening Clinical Trials to Provide High-Quality Evidence on Health Interventions and to Improve Research Quality and Coordination WHO World Health Assembly, 75th Session, May 2022

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MSF recommends the following actions to strengthen the clinical trials resolution:

- 1. Ensure that the scope of the resolution is applicable to all clinical trials, related to all medical technologies; and that it covers clinical trials for all health needs;
- 2. Include transparency and specific requirements such as sharing of protocols, timely publication of data and public disclosure of research and development (R&D) costs, including the costs of clinical trials, particularly when research was publicly funded;
- 3. Take into consideration the need for diversity of populations in clinical trials, as appropriate;
- 4. Safeguard access to comparator drugs, diagnostics and vaccines needed for research and/or bioequivalence purposes; and
- 5. Embed access and benefit-sharing principles and conditions in clinical trial management and governance.

Thank you!