



MSF Statement
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The WHO report outlines a process for developing the best-practices document mandated by the Clinical Trials Resolution. This process should include consideration of equity and access to health technologies in clinical trial governance, which were shamefully missing in the Resolution. For access to be at the core of clinical trials, best practices should include binding and enforceable access conditions and principles; transparency of clinical trial data and costs; and a minimum package of access and benefit-sharing conditions linked to sharing of samples, pathogens and genomic sequences.

These aspects should also be incorporated in the self-assessment tool, which needs to be designed with participation by low- and middle-income countries, to improve clinical trial governance across all settings.