

Grouping 1.2

Statement:

Millions of lives are lost annually to treatable infections due to the lack of affordable quality health services. Yet the agenda items neglect sustainable financing for public health services, local research and pharmaceutical manufacturing, and the profit-driven innovation system that fails to produce affordable medicines for neglected diseases.

We need political commitment and sustainable financing for PHC, an updated strategy on controlling drug resistant TB, and a NTDs roadmap aimed at disrupting the perpetual cycle of poverty and disease.

We urge WHO and MS to address stigma and discrimination, through their HIV, viral hepatitis and STD strategies, and as part of their effort to “engage empowered communities and civil society”.