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Expert Committee

Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Tuberculosis in the Sustainable Development Era

World Health Organization

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Dear Expert Committee:

On behalf of the Global Health Technologies Coalition—a group of more than 25 nonprofit organizations advancing policies to accelerate the creation of new drugs, vaccines, diagnostics, and other health tools to bring healthy lives within reach for all people—we would like to express our strong support for the “zero draft” of the Moscow Ministerial declaration. We call on the drafters to ensure that future versions retain the strong support for innovation and R&D as a core component of the global effort to address TB.

In addition, we call on drafters to incorporate principles contained in the recent [Open Letter to the G20 on Global Health Innovation and Sustainable Development](#) as they apply to TB. Specifically, future drafts should strengthen calls for sustainable funding, effective coordination by WHO, the importance of regulatory strengthening to facilitate access, and effective international coordination in R&D and data sharing.

Sincerely,

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