

## Grouping 2.1

### 16.1 The Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme

#### 16.3 WHO's work in health emergencies

##### Statement:

We support the IOAC's recommendation of fostering WHO's leadership role during public health emergencies. WHO's core budget must be significantly increased to ensure adequate running of emergency responses.

We are concerned that the IOAC's position on the allocation mechanism and ACT-A is inadequate. We urge WHO and MS to call for legally binding solutions on equitable access, and for reforming the ACT-A governance structure to make it inclusive of all MS, including developing countries.

In paragraph 46, IOAC highlights the importance of strengthening IHR. We are concerned that its stance favours developed countries' views, and ignores calls from developing countries and EB decision 150(3) to address equity issues in IHR.

Finally, multi-stakeholder platforms such as ACT-A have failed the test of equity. We urge MS to call for an independent, public and country-led evaluation of such platforms