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BTO: Call with Médecins Sans Frontières on the implementation of the Pharmaceutical Strategy

The objective of the call was to touch base after the adoption of the strategy and see how MsF can contribute to the consultation process.

MsF is interested in making contributions on the intellectual property (IP) Action plan (supplementary protection certificate (SPC) evaluation). MsF is not in favor of SPCs as they mainly target innovation-creating conditions that counter the affordability of medicines. They are in favor of limiting protection periods especially where there has been public investment in R&D.

Other areas of interest are antimicrobial resistance (AMR), Health and Emergency Response Authority (HERA) and the PT presidency conference on access in April.

SANTE summarized the actions in the strategy and explained the timeframe of the revision of the general pharmaceutical acts. It explained that input from MsF would be most useful in written format at this stage as the policy choices are being developed. In the second semester of 2021, the process will go into the public consultation phase where discussions can take place with all stakeholders on the basis of more specific policy options.

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