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*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

Public Health Officials to Release Startling New Data on Multidrug-Resistant Tuberculosis

New Report Documents Highest Levels Ever Seen; Highlights Need for Dramatic Increase in Funding to Fight Deadly Airborne Disease

Washington D.C. — Top officials from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will join a **media conference call** to release new data on the deadliest form of tuberculosis (TB) — multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB). The report also highlights the growing funding gap for global TB control efforts.

What: Media conference call to release new data on MDR-TB

Who: Dr. Mario Raviglione, Director, Stop TB Department, World Health Organization
Dr. Tom Frieden, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (to be confirmed)
Joanne Carter, Board Member, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; Executive Director, RESULTS Educational Fund

When: **12 pm ET, Tuesday, March 23, 2010**

How: To join the media conference call, dial (877) 578-0255 or (706) 758-7334 and then enter passcode 62983970 at 12 pm ET on Tuesday, March 23, 2010.

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