

Report of the meeting

Final report of the meeting

1. The open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG) on the WHO Pandemic Agreement resumed its fourth meeting from 20 to 22 January 2026 under the leadership of Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes of Brazil and Mr Matthew Harpur of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as Co-Chairs, with Ambassador Vuyile Dlamini of the Kingdom of Eswatini, Dr Hanan Mohamed Al Kuwari of the State of Qatar, Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien of the Kingdom of Thailand and Ms Madeleine Heyward of Australia as Vice-Chairs.
2. The resumed session of the fourth meeting followed the modalities of the previous session in terms of public webcast and participation, as indicated in paragraph 3 of the interim report of the fourth meeting.¹
3. With respect to agenda item 2 (Draft PABS Annex text), the IGWG members continued negotiations and discussions on the draft PABS Annex text, including on proposals for sections of texts as presented by the Bureau. In preparation for its fifth meeting, the IGWG decided to continue negotiations on the basis of the onscreen text from the resumed session of the fourth meeting. IGWG members agreed to continue informal discussions during the intersessional period with a view to finding common understanding. The Secretariat was requested to share the list of existing laboratory networks, their terms of reference and the legal nature of such terms of reference, and the constituent laboratories of such networks, as well as prepare a concept note on the functioning of the WHO Coordinated Laboratory Network, for deliberation at the fifth meeting of the IGWG.
4. With respect to agenda item 3 (Proposals from Member States of entities to be included in Annex D and/or Annex E of document A/IGWG/4/3 (if any)), the IGWG agreed to proposals from Member States for two additional Relevant Stakeholders to be included in Annex E of document A/IGWG/4/3, on the understanding that the document continued to be a living document.
5. The IGWG adopted its report and the Co-Chairs closed the meeting.

¹ See document A/IGWG/4/4.