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# Universal Health and Preparedness Review

## First Global Peer Review

13 and 14 February 2024

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# Launch of the first global peer review

## 1. Welcome messages

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- Hans Henri P. Kluge, Regional Director for Europe, WHO
- Saima Wazed, Regional Director for South-East Asia, WHO
- Matshidiso Moeti, Regional Director for Africa, WHO

## 2. Opening remarks

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## 3. Technical overview on the UHPR

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## Technical overview

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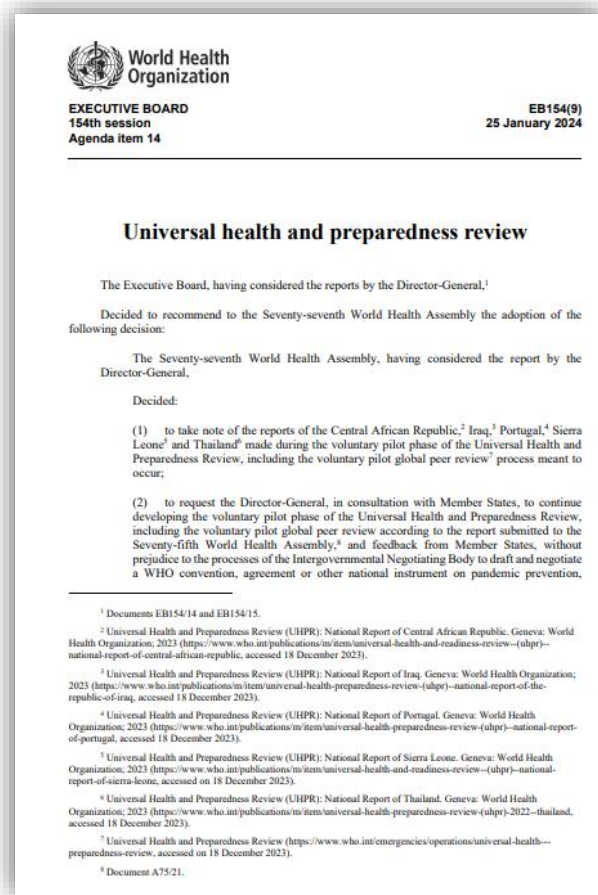
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# Universal Health and Preparedness Review - Genesis

- Nov 2020: DG announces UHPR
- WHA75, 2022: UHPR concept note noted by Member States ([A75/21](#))
- National review process piloted in 5 countries between December 2020 and May 2023 (CAR, Iraq, Portugal, Thailand, Sierra Leone)
- Upcoming country pilots in Cameroon, Dominican Republic, Luxembourg, the Republic of Congo, and Tanzania
- UHPR discussed during ongoing intergovernmental negotiations (INB and WGIHR)
- EB decision [EB154\(9\)](#) January 2024, requests the organization to continue the voluntary pilot phase and provide a report to WHA78

# EB decision, document [EB154\(9\)](#)



*(1) continue developing the voluntary pilot phase of the Universal Health and Preparedness Review*

- in consultation with Member States*
- according to report A75/21 and feedback from Member States*
- without prejudice to the INB and the WGIHR processes*
- building on existing mechanisms*
- complementary to and non-duplicative of existing modalities and evaluation tools and processes used by Member States*

*(2) to report on lessons learned, implications, benefits, challenges, and options for the next steps through EB156 to the WHA78 in 2025*

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# Universal Health and Preparedness Review

The **COVID-19 pandemic** highlighted major gaps in the global health architecture:

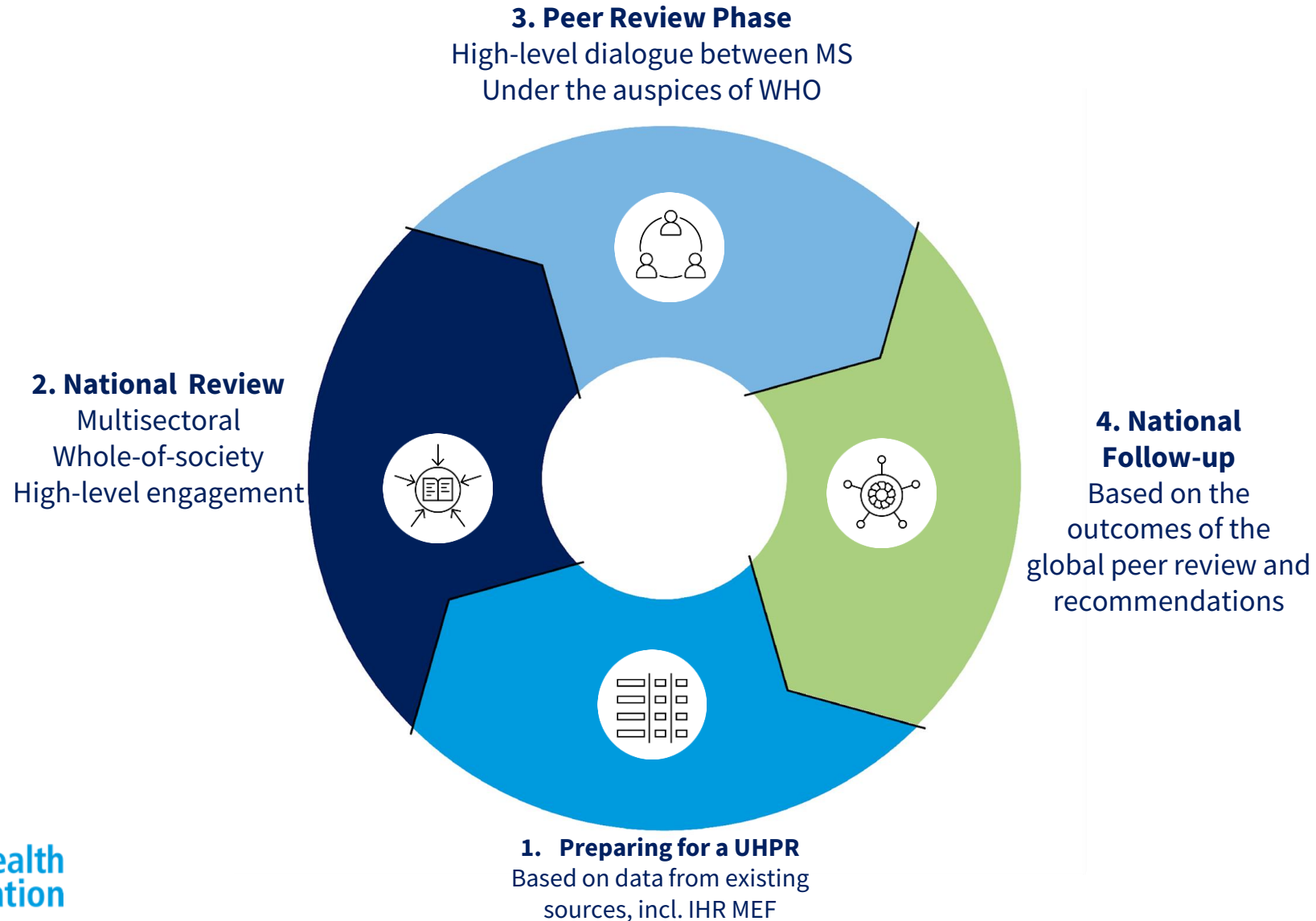
- **No country was prepared** for a health emergency of the scale and severity of Covid19
- **Fragmentation** in response strategies
- Lack of platforms for **sharing of experiences and peer-to-peer learning between MS**
- Insufficient **international cooperation and solidarity**

## UHPR

- a **Member State-led peer review mechanism**
- To support **national & global dialogue** on health emergency preparedness
- Based on the **voluntary participation of Member States**



# UHDR Review Cycle



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# Benefits of the UHPR

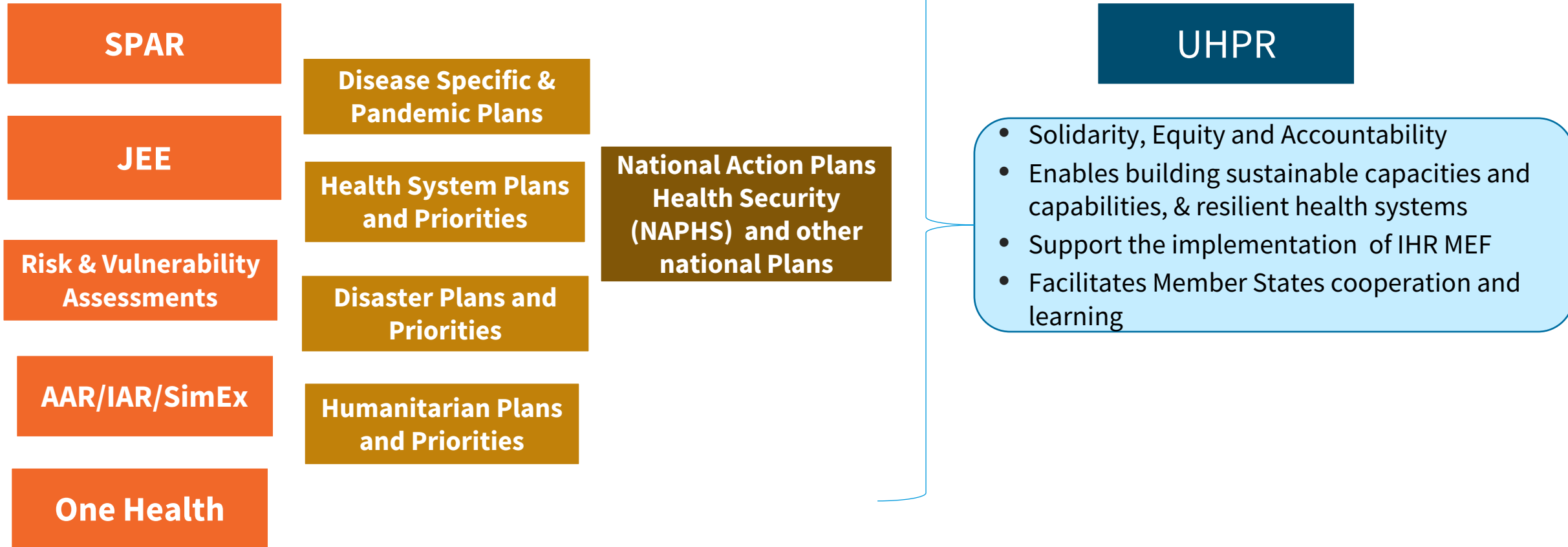
## *Global level*

- Encourage **peer-learning, innovation, and pooling of best practices** between Member States
- **Keep health emergency preparedness high on the political agenda** to break the cycle of ‘panic and neglect’
- **Promote solidarity and cooperation between Member States**

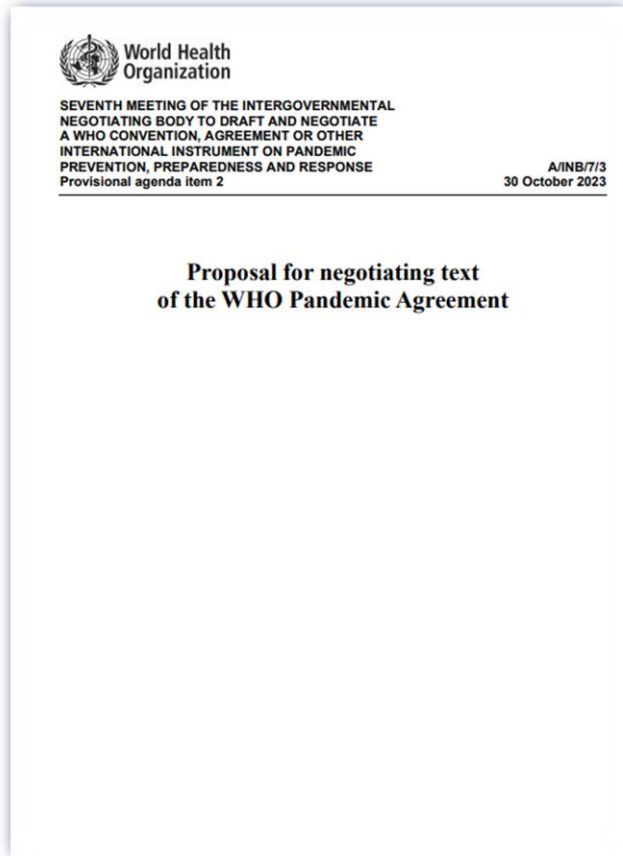
## *National level*

- **Elevate health emergency preparedness** to the highest level of government
- Enhance **multisectoral, whole-of-society approaches**
- Safeguard hard-won gains of the Covid-19 response (**networks, knowledge, experience**)
- **Promote predictable and sustainable investment in preparedness** by rallying domestic and global resources and solutions towards support to identified priorities

# UHPR & IHR/Health Security Assessments



# UHPR and the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB)



## [Proposal for negotiating text of the WHO Pandemic](#)

### **Agreement, 30 October 2023**

#### **Article 8. Preparedness monitoring and functional reviews**

(4) The Parties shall establish, no later than 31 December 2026, a **global peer review mechanism to assess pandemic prevention, preparedness and response capacities and gaps**, as well as levels of readiness, with the aim of **promoting and supporting learning among Parties, best practices, actions and accountability, at the national, regional and global levels**, to strengthen national health emergency preparedness and readiness capacities.

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# First Global Peer Review, 13 & 14 February 2024

## Background

- The UHPR Concept Note ([A75/21](#)) foresees two phases:
  1. A national review
  2. A global peer review
- So far, 5 countries piloted the national review phase and expressed their wish to complete the first piloting cycle
- Consultation with all MS on the draft working methods of the global peer review, 3 July 2024

## Rationale for piloting the global peer review phase:

- The global peer review phase is a central element of the value proposition of the UHPR process
- Opportunity to gather concrete experiences that will inform the continuous development of the UHPR
- Further inform ongoing discussions of the INB and IHR Working Group

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# Global Peer Review Phase - Key Principles

- Intergovernmental and cooperative process, based on the equality of treatment of all Member States
- Respects Member States' sovereignty and focuses on technical issues
- Based on voluntary participation
- Ensures the involvement of the Member State undertaking the review throughout the entire process
- Includes all Member States in the design and conduct of the review
- Avoids politicization and "naming-and-shaming" through a collaborative and technical approach
- Considers differences in Member States' capacities
- Adopts a whole-of-society and whole-of-government approach

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# Global Peer Review Phase – working methods

- In line with the UHPR concept note ([A75/21](#), May 2022) and consultation with MS on July 3, 2023
- Member States are reviewed individually
- A peer review panel composed of representatives of 3 Member States
- Facilitated by WHO
- A written phase, open to all MS and stakeholders
- Review open to all MS with a Q&A session

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## Next steps

- Outcome report of the global peer review to be made available on the WHO website
- WHO to provide a report on “*lessons learned, implications, benefits, challenges, and options for the next steps*” to WHA78, in line with [EB decision EB154\(9\)](#)
- Streamlining of the national review phase, in line with Member States feedback and lessons learnt from national pilots
- Continued consultation with member states on the technical development of the UHPR



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# Thank you!

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