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First report of Committee A

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Committee A held its first and second meetings on 18 and 19 May 2026 chaired by Dr Timur Sultangaziyev (Kazakhstan) and Mr Fernando Israel Espinosa Olivera (Mexico).

In accordance with Rule 35 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Committee elected Mr Fernando Israel Espinosa Olivera (Mexico) and Mr Ibrahim Nishan Ahmed (Maldives) Vice-Chairs, and Mr Ronald Basiimwa (Uganda) Rapporteur.

It was decided to recommend to the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly the adoption of the attached decision relating to the following agenda item:

Protect health

13. Public health emergencies: preparedness and response

13.3 Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the WHO Pandemic Agreement

One decision entitled:

- Outcome of the open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG) on the WHO Pandemic Agreement in relation to the drafting and negotiation of the Annex described in Article 12 of the WHO Pandemic Agreement

Agenda item 13.3**Outcome of the open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG) on the WHO Pandemic Agreement in relation to the drafting and negotiation of the Annex described in Article 12 of the WHO Pandemic Agreement**

The Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly,

Recalling resolution WHA78.1 (2025), which adopted the WHO Pandemic Agreement pursuant to Article 19 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization and, inter alia, decided to establish an open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG), and noting the progress of the IGWG to date,

Decided that the IGWG shall continue its work as mandated in paragraph 9(1) of resolution WHA78.1 and shall, as a priority, draft and negotiate the Annex described in Article 12 of the WHO Pandemic Agreement, including to develop legally binding contracts to be negotiated and signed with WHO, and shall submit the outcome to the Eightieth World Health Assembly for its consideration or, as may be necessary, earlier by a special session of the World Health Assembly in 2026 with only one agenda item dedicated to this outcome, and subsequently facilitate, as necessary, activities related to the adoption of said Annex and the opening for signature, ratification, acceptance, approval, accession or formal confirmation of the WHO Pandemic Agreement.
