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Written statement to INB7 meeting to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response

Frontline AIDS would like to highlight recommendations on language in the current draft of the accord on three areas of work which are crucial for achieving fully effective PPPR:

1. Building on existing pandemic responses and infrastructure
2. Equity in access to pandemic-related products
3. The importance of community leadership and community led responses

Building on existing pandemic responses and infrastructure

For Article 6. Preparedness, readiness and resilience, we would urge member states to include the following additional paragraph:

“Strengthen health systems resilience through accelerating efforts to end the global epidemics of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, towards pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, including by leveraging best practices and lessons learned, enhancing health information and laboratory systems and strengthening procurement and supply chain management systems in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and ensuring the systematic engagement of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria responses in pandemic response, leveraging national HIV/AIDS strategic plans to guide key elements of pandemic preparedness planning and acknowledging the integral role of civil society and communities in strengthening public health measures and implementing response programming”.

Throughout the text, Member states can build on language included in the high level PPPR political declaration, particularly PP67 and PP68, on addressing existing pandemics as the base to build future pandemic preparedness.

Equity in access to pandemic-related products

Within Article 11 - Transfer of technology and know-how, we ask that Member States retain the following provision

(b) make available non-exclusive licensing of government-owned technologies on mutually agreed terms as appropriate, for the development and manufacturing of pandemic-related products, and publish the terms of these licenses

This is a strong step toward equity in access to pandemic-related products, and ensuring that publicly-funded products should be available for public use and manufacture.

The importance of community leadership and community led responses

It is important to talk throughout the text not only about community engagement, but specifically the active role of community leadership and community led responses in PPPR efforts, from monitoring and coordination

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to planning and implementation. In particular for Article 17. Whole-of- government and whole-of- society approaches at the national level, language on community **leadership and community led health systems** delivery should be incorporated alongside language on community engagement.