

## **Note for the Record**

### **Meeting of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (INB) 4 March 2022**

#### **Participants**

##### **Bureau members**

AFR – Ms Precious Matsoso (South Africa)  
AMR – Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes (Brazil)  
EMR – Mr Ahmed Salama Soliman (Egypt)  
EUR – Mr Roland Driec (the Netherlands)  
SEAR – Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien (Thailand)  
WPR – Mr Kazuho Taguchi (Japan)

##### **Secretariat**

Dr Jaouad Mahjour, Assistant Director General, Emergency Preparedness  
Dr Timothy Armstrong, Director Governing Bodies  
Mr Steven Solomon, Principal Legal Officer  
Dr Olla Shideed, Executive Officer, Emergency Preparedness  
Mr Kenneth Piercy, Senior Legal Officer  
Mrs Paidamoyo Takaenzana, External Relations Officer, Governance Unit

#### **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS**

##### **(1) Reflections on the first meeting of the INB of 24 February**

- The Bureau expressed its appreciation for the very good collaboration between the vice Chairs and the Co-Chairs as well as the support of the Secretariat at the first meeting of the INB on 24 February.
- The Secretariat was requested to ensure that all equipment was working well in advance of the meeting to avoid delays in starting the meeting.
- The Bureau noted the need to ensure that meetings end on time to respect the different time zones, particularly for the Western Pacific region.
- The Bureau appreciated the active engagement of MS at the first meeting and noted some common messages including the need for a Member State-led process, limiting sub-groups, avoiding parallel processes, and synchronizing work with other on-going WHO led processes and ensuring a science-based approach.
- In future meetings, the Bureau agreed to temporarily suspend the discussions, if necessary, to allow the Bureau members sufficient time to consult amongst themselves.

##### **(2) Preparations for the resumed session of the INB1**

- After the presentation by the Secretariat on the Proposal from the INB Bureau regarding the process to identify the substantive elements of the instrument, in furtherance of the Bureau's mandate in this regard, the Bureau members discussed extensively and made comments on the draft document.

- The Bureau also provided comments on the updated Preliminary Timeline and Deliverables as well as the Proposed modalities of engagement for relevant stakeholders.
- Due to limited time, the Bureau agreed to provide any final comments to the Secretariat by 20:00 hours Geneva time with a view to the Secretariat finalizing the documents and making them available in all official languages by Thursday 10 March 2022.
- The Secretariat was also requested to share the PowerPoint presentation regarding the holding of public hearings to inform the deliberations of the INB, pursuant to the Director-General's mandate in SSA2(5) OP2(2).

**(3) The Bureau agreed to hold its next meeting on Friday 11 March 2022, if necessary**

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