

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 May 2023

Participants

Bureau members

African Region – Ms Precious Matsoso (South Africa)
Region of the Americas – Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes (Brazil)
European Region – Mr Roland Driece (Kingdom of the Netherlands)
Eastern Mediterranean Region – Mr Ahmed Salama Soliman (Egypt)
Western Pacific Region – Mr Kazuho Taguchi (Japan)

Secretariat

Dr Jaouad Mahjour, Assistant Director-General, Emergency Preparedness
Dr Olla Shideed, Executive Officer, Emergency Preparedness
Ms Anne Huvos, Unit Head, Pandemic Influenza Preparedness
Mr Steven Solomon, Principal Legal Officer
Mr Kenneth Piercy, Senior Legal Officer
Mrs Paidamoyo Takaenzana, External Relations Officer, Governance Unit
Ms Julia Keyworth, Technical Officer, Protocol Unit

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

- The Secretariat provided an update on the preparation of the documents to be considered by Bureau members at their retreat on 11–12 May 2023. Bureau members agreed that a “compilation” version of the zero draft of the WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (CA+), showing all textual amendments proposed by drafting group members during the fifth meeting of the INB (INB5) and via written textual submissions, would be shared with drafting group members.
- Bureau members discussed preparations for the upcoming INB drafting group meeting, scheduled to take place on 12–16 June 2023. As agreed at INB5, an advance copy in English of the Bureau’s text of the CA+ was expected to be shared with drafting group members by 22 May 2023. The Secretariat clarified that, owing to the World Health Assembly, the translated versions in the other five official WHO languages were expected to be available by 2 June 2023. The Bureau also noted that a briefing by the INB Bureau for Member States and relevant stakeholders on the Bureau’s text would be conducted on 5 June 2023, as per the interim report of INB5.
- Bureau members discussed plans for the proposed joint plenary meeting of the INB and Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) (WGIHR), which were discussed at a joint meeting of the INB and WGIHR Bureaus on 2 May 2023. The Secretariat would continue to liaise with Bureau members on the arrangements for these meetings. It was noted that a preparatory joint meeting would be held on 5 June 2023, and the two Bureaus would meet as soon as possible to prepare for it.
 - At the request of Bureau members, the Secretariat agreed to provide the Bureau with a schedule of INB-related meetings planned for the coming months.

- Bureau members discussed the joint media briefing held by INB and WGIHR Co-Chairs prior to the meeting, and considered plans for future communications activities with the media and relevant stakeholders.

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