

## **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 July 2022**

#### **Participants**

##### **Bureau members**

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

##### **Secretariat**

Dr Jaouad Mahjour, Assistant Director General, Emergency Preparedness  
Ms Anne Huvos, Unit Head, Pandemic Influenza Preparedness  
Dr Olla Shideed, Executive Officer, Emergency Preparedness  
Mr Steven Solomon, Principal Legal Officer  
Mr Kenneth Piercy, Senior Legal Officer  
Dr Carmen Savelli, External Relations Officer, Governance Unit  
Mrs Mouna Mcharek, External Relations Officer, Governance Unit

#### **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS**

##### **1. Update on the development of a working draft:**

- The Secretariat presented introduced a revised version of the first working draft of a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, which reflected the latest written comments on and contributions to the text communicated to the Secretariat by the members of the Bureau on the articulation of the text, as agreed during the previous Bureau meeting.
- In addition, the Secretariat sought the guidance of the Bureau on how to further develop the text and address all pending elements and important arrangements such as the possible groupings of some key topics.
- The Bureau expressed its appreciation to the Secretariat for the progress achieved in drafting the document and collating various inputs in an efficient and constructive manner. It stressed the need to preserve the Member State-led nature of the INB process and ensure that all updates were guided by Member States. In that regard, the Bureau requested the Secretariat to look into the possibility of cross-referencing the various inputs of Member States to the working draft.
- The Bureau members noted the recent developments regarding global health financing and discussed possible options to take that matter into consideration in the work of the INB, including the ongoing processes and new mechanisms that had been recently announced and/or finalized at the global level. The Bureau also noted that some processes were still ongoing and not yet clear in terms of their concrete impact or governance.

- The Bureau requested the Secretariat to finalize the document and proceed with its processing and publication as well as distribution of an advance version, to all WHO Member States.

## **2. Upcoming Bureau meetings:**

- The Bureau agreed to hold its next meeting on 7 July 2022 and to focus its discussions on the conduct and proceedings of the second meeting of the INB (18-22 July 2022), including the possible outcomes of that session. In that regard, the Bureau noted the need to remain guided by the views of the Member States and to progress towards the third meeting of the INB on that basis.
- In addition, the Bureau agreed to discuss, during its future meetings, the main messages from informal regional meetings as well as the schedule and conduct of the upcoming participation of Bureau members at sessions of the WHO regional committees.

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