

## **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) 5 and 6 December 2022**

#### **Participants**

##### **Bureau members**

African Region – Ms Precious Matsoso (South Africa)  
Region of the Americas – Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes (Brazil)  
South-East Asia Region – Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien (Thailand)  
European Region – Mr Roland Driec (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  
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  
Mrs Paidamoyo Takaenzana, External Relations Officer, Governance Unit  
Ms Julia Keyworth, Technical Officer, Protocol Unit

#### **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS**

- The Bureau met prior to the commencement of the first and second days of the third meeting of the INB (INB3) to discuss preparations and progress made so far.
- Bureau members provided updates on feedback that had been received from their regions prior to INB3. Questions raised by Member States during regional meetings included those relating to the structure of the instrument, time frames for development and definitions.
- Bureau members noted that Member States had expressed strong support during INB3 for the Bureau, with support from the Secretariat, to proceed with progressing the conceptual zero draft to a zero draft for consideration at the fourth meeting of the INB (INB4).
- Bureau members discussed potential next steps and time frames for developing the zero draft and progressing the drafting process throughout 2023. In this regard, Bureau members agreed to propose to the INB that:
  - An informal Member State briefing be held in the period between INB3 and INB4 to brief Member States on the development of the zero draft.
  - An additional meeting of the drafting group be scheduled for September 2023 (pending advice from the Secretariat on suitable dates).
  - The observer delegations of the Holy See and Palestine be invited to participate in drafting group meetings.
- The key time frames and outcomes subsequently agreed by the INB during INB3 are reflected in the report of the meeting.

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