

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) 10 January 2023

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 Driece (Netherlands)
Eastern Mediterranean Region – Mr Ahmed Salama Soliman (Egypt)
Western Pacific Region – Mr Kazuho Taguchi (Japan)

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

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

- The Secretariat presented the zero draft to Bureau members, outlining the changes that had been made to progress the document from the conceptual zero draft. All changes made reflected input that had been received during the third meeting of the INB. No elements of the conceptual zero draft had been deleted. Some of the key changes included the refining of language throughout the document and the presentation of different text options in some sections of the document. The Secretariat presented two versions of the document, one with track changes and one without. The purpose of a version of the zero draft containing track changes was for Bureau members to note all the changes made, which were highlighted in the document.
- Bureau members provided their initial feedback on the zero draft presented by the Secretariat, including highlighting the need for some sections to be further progressed from conceptual to more specific language and the need to ensure the language used at this stage was not restrictive. Bureau members agreed to provide their full written comments on the zero draft by 11 January 2023.
- Bureau members further agreed that they would discuss their written comments on the zero draft via email to reach agreement on the changes to be made by 13 January 2023. The Secretariat will then revise the zero draft based on the consolidated written comments from Bureau members.
- Bureau members agreed to reconvene on 17 January 2023 to consider the revised zero draft. The Bureau will aim to finalize the document by 18 January 2023 to enable it to be progressed by the Secretariat for editing and translation within the required time frames.

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