

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 June 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
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Mr Steven Solomon, Principal Legal Officer
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SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

- 1. Communication strategy to counter misinformation and disinformation on the pandemic instrument process**
 - As requested by the Bureau, the Secretariat (Department of Communications) provided a presentation regarding misinformation and disinformation activities in relation to the work of the INB and the new instrument, including in the general media, social media and through petitions. Available approaches and strategies to respond to those activities were discussed. The Bureau requested ongoing monitoring of both general and social media and regular updates from the Secretariat regarding misinformation and disinformation and strategies to address those.
 - The Bureau suggested that in response, the approaches taken to address misinformation and disinformation should utilize regular WHO communication channels and tools and use appropriate content for the target audience. It was also suggested to highlight the positive engagement of the INB with relevant stakeholders and the Member State-driven nature of the INB process. The Bureau discussed how webcasting of future INB meetings would be arranged for broader public participation.
- 2. Conduct of the continuation of the second resumed session of the first meeting of the INB (15–17 June 2022)**
 - The Bureau discussed the organization of the continued second resumed session, including in relation to the INB engagement with relevant stakeholders. They agreed to dedicate the first day (15 June 2022) to an interactive session with the relevant stakeholders listed under Annexes A to D, to invite their input and comments on the draft annotated outline document in the presence of Member States, on the understanding that during the following two days of the continued meeting would be used for the Member States to discuss the document. In that regard, the Bureau agreed to offer guidance to the Member States in providing their input to

the document, both verbally during the session and in writing until 24 June 2022, with the aim of delivering more structured and specific comments on the draft annotated outline document, and to enable the Bureau to develop a working draft to be presented to the second meeting of the INB in July based on those inputs.

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