

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) 13 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 Driecé (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
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Mr Kenneth Piercy, Senior Legal Officer
Mrs Paidamoyo Takaenzana, External Relations Officer, Governance Unit
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SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

1. Regional consultations:

- The Bureau member from the Western Pacific Region provided feedback on his interactions with the Member States of that Region, highlighting their main views on the progress achieved to date and the future steps in the INB process.

2. Preparations for the second meeting of the INB:

- The Bureau discussed the possible outcomes of the second meeting of the INB, in the light of the feedback received from their consultations with the respective regions and in consideration of the deliverables of the meeting, as previously agreed by the Member States. The Bureau discussed possible options for the legal instrument and requested the Secretariat to present a detailed briefing document.
- In that regard, and following a request by the Bureau, the Secretariat presented of a white paper highlighting the legal and constitutional matters related to the mandate of identifying the provision of the WHO Constitution under which the instrument should be adopted. The Bureau expressed its appreciation to the Secretariat for the elaborate work in preparing the document and maintaining the focus on the key elements for the information of Member States, such as the scope of relevant articles of the WHO Constitution and related international instruments. The Bureau requested that the document should be updated in order to add more clarity on some aspects before its distribution as a white paper prior to the second meeting of the INB.
- Following guidance by the Secretariat, the Bureau discussed the practical elements related to the conduct of the second meeting of the INB, in line with the decision of the INB during the

second resumed session of its first meeting. The Bureau agreed on a schedule for the public webcast of relevant segments of that meeting. The Bureau further agreed on a scenario for the conduct of the meeting, as well as the opening of some segments to the relevant stakeholders listed in Annexes A to D to document A/INB/1/7 Rev.1.

3. Organization of the intersessional period:

- At the request of the Bureau, the Secretariat provided a preliminary overview of the possible organization of the intersessional period between the second and the third meetings of the INB, outlining the key components based on the agreed timelines, availability of Bureau members, meeting schedules and interactions at the regional level.
- The Bureau stressed the need to maintain a positive momentum in for the INB process and the importance of taking advantage of any available opportunities to increase interactions with the regions through virtual means, as well as with the general public and experts during the next round of the public hearings. The Bureau also discussed the possibility of holding informal meetings.

4. Proposals of entities to be included in Annex E:

- Based on the guidance provided to Member States in respect of proposing new entities or to maintaining any entities previously proposed for inclusion in Annex E to document A/INB/1/7 Rev.1, the Bureau requested the Secretariat to share with Member States the consolidated list of all proposals submitted by the indicated deadline.

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