

## **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) 16 May 2022**

#### **Participants**

##### **Bureau members**

African Region – Ms Precious Matsoso (South Africa)

Region of the Americas – Ms Carolina de Cresce El Debs (Brazil – for Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes)

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**

Mr Steven Solomon, Principal Legal Officer

Ms Anne Huvos, Unit Head, Pandemic Influenza Preparedness

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#### **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS**

The Bureau members focused their discussions on the preparations for the second resumed session of the first meeting of the INB (6–8 June 2022):

- The Bureau discussed the initial draft provisional agenda and programme of work for the second resumed session of the INB. In discussing the two initial drafts, the Bureau agreed to rearticulate the items in the provisional agenda to improve clarity and to add further precision to the draft programme of work to reflect the scope and purpose of the session. In addition, the Bureau explored possible modalities to structure the discussion of the draft consolidated outline document during the session. The Bureau also discussed the possibility of establishing subgroups. Furthermore, the Bureau agreed to the addition of an item to the agenda that related to the modalities of engagement for relevant stakeholders in the work of the INB and the proposed inclusions of entities under Annex E.
- The Bureau also discussed the development of documentation for the session, including the consolidated outline document of substantive elements and the related process for developing a working draft. It agreed to present the document with a view to having it considered and discussed during the resumed session. That would allow the Member States to agree on the way forward in the development of a working draft. The Bureau further agreed to reflect that expected outcome in the draft programme of work as guidance for Member States on the proceedings of the meeting.

- In addition, the Bureau discussed the relevant provisions of the WHO Constitution under which the instrument could be adopted and agreed that the Secretariat would introduce the subject during the resumed session through a presentation of possible options for the Member States to consider.

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