

Note for the Record

Virtual meetings of the nominated members 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 and 17 February 2022

Participants

Nominated members of the Bureau

AFR – Ms Precious Matsoso (South Africa)
AMR – Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes (Brazil)
EMR – Mr Ahmed Salama Soliman (Egypt)
EUR – Mr Roland Driec (the Netherlands)
SEAR – Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien (Thailand)
WPR – Mr Kazuho Taguchi (Japan)

Secretariat

Ms Jane Ellison, Executive Director, Governance and External Relations
Dr Jaouad Mahjour, Assistant Director General, Emergency Preparedness
Dr Timothy Armstrong, Director Governing Bodies
Mr Steven Solomon, Principal Legal Officer
Ms Gina Vea, Unit Head, Governance Unit
Ms Anne Huvos, Unit Head, Pandemic Influenza Preparedness
Dr Olla Shideed, Executive Officer, Emergency Preparedness
Mrs Paidamoyo Takaenzana, External Relations Officer, Governance Unit
Dr Claudia Nannini, Legal Officer
Mr Kenneth Piercy, Senior Legal Officer
Dr Carmen Savelli, External Relations Officer, Governance Unit

SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSIONS

(1) Nominations for co-chairs

- The Bureau-elect agreed that Ms Precious Matsoso of South Africa and Mr Roland Driec of the Netherlands be proposed as co-chairs of the INB, whilst Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes of Brazil, Mr Ahmed Salama Soliman of Egypt, Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien of Thailand and Mr Kazuho Taguchi of Japan would be proposed as vice-chairs. The Bureau-elect also agreed that the Bureau would have an essential role in steering the work of the INB, noting that Bureau members do not reflect regional or national positions. The proposals from the Bureau would be a co-creation from the entire Bureau.

(2) Proposed documentation for the INB1, including the provisional agenda, draft programme of work, method of work including timelines and deliverables

- The Bureau-elect discussed, provided comments and agreed to the documentation for the INB1 namely, the provisional agenda, the draft programme of work, and the method of work, including timelines and deliverables (agreed by email following the meeting).
- At future meetings of the Bureau, presentations could be made on the related different processes running parallel to the work of the INB, and how those processes can inform and, as appropriate, provide the building blocks of the form of an instrument to be considered. In addition, possible engagements could be organized with the co-chair(s) or leadership for other workstreams ongoing at WHO, such as the WGPR, the IHR review process, the global health

architecture for pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, the WGSF and the Standing Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response, to ensure coherence and avoid duplication of work.

- The Secretariat could also prepare presentations on the different forms an instrument could take, for a future meeting of the Bureau and/or INB, for their information.
- With regards to the arrangements for the INB1 meeting on 24 February, the Bureau-elect recommended that Member States would be invited to provide general comments through group and regional statements only after the Opening of the meeting, in the interest of managing the time efficiently.
- The Secretariat will prepare a short procedural report to be agreed to at the end of the meeting on 24 February.

(3) Proposed dates & working hours of a resumed session of the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB1)

- The Bureau-elect agreed to propose that a resumed session of the first meeting of the INB be held from 14–15 March 2022.

(4) Next meeting of the Bureau

- The Bureau-elect agreed that their next meeting would be held on 23 February 2022. Bureau members will attend the meetings physically.
- The meeting will consider in detail written proposals that had been received from Mr Ahmed Soliman and Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien, regarding the process for the collection of substantive elements.
- In future meetings, the Bureau should agree to the Note for the Record from its previous meeting.

(5) AOB

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