

## **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) 17 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)

##### **Secretariat**

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

#### **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS**

- The Secretariat presented the revised zero draft to Bureau members, which had been updated to incorporate inputs received from Bureau members since the previous meeting of the Bureau. The Secretariat highlighted a number of key changes that had been made in the light of feedback from Bureau members, including the removal of different text options that had previously been presented in parts of the zero draft and the removal of specific dates and time frames from the text.
- Bureau members discussed the revisions that had been made to the zero draft by the Secretariat based on their comments, including discussion of definitions, guiding principles included under Article 4, governance arrangements and all other sections of the zero draft.
- Bureau members and the Secretariat agreed that:
  - The Secretariat would revise the zero draft based on the discussion and input provided by Bureau members in this meeting. The Secretariat will then circulate the revised zero draft to Bureau members for final agreement before it is progressed by the Secretariat for editing and translation.
  - A meeting of the Bureau would be organized to discuss the approach to be taken in the fourth meeting of the INB (INB4), including preparations for planned briefing meetings leading to INB4. The Secretariat will propose a suitable date for this meeting and the planned informal briefing of Member States.
  - Plans for separate bilateral meetings between the INB and Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) Co-Chairs and Bureaus would be progressed, with the Secretariat to begin work on a meeting agenda.

- The Secretariat would propose dates for meetings on key processes, such as the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator, the Universal Health and Preparedness Review, the BioHub System and the Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence.
- The Secretariat would prepare some additional briefing materials on a number of issues raised in this meeting, for consideration by Bureau members at a future planned meeting.

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