

Note for the record

Meetings 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) 18 to 21 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)
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SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

- The Bureau members held daily discussions during the second meeting of the INB which took place from 18 to 21 July 2022. The meetings were focused on the daily programme of work, documents and proceedings of the meeting, as well as strategic planning and guidance to ensure a productive outcome and successful second meeting of the INB.
- The Bureau discussed the informal feedback already received in advance of the second meeting of the INB with regards to the working draft, and noted that Member States and relevant stakeholders would not have sufficient opportunity to provide comments during the meeting. In terms of the potential way forward, the Bureau recognized the need to provide a clear intersessional process for collecting further comments on the working draft in advance of the third meeting of the INB, to be held in December 2022.
- Following discussions, the Bureau agreed to present to the second meeting of the INB, a proposed intersessional timeline that provided opportunities for the submission of written comments by Member States and relevant stakeholders (as per Annexes A-E) on the working draft by 15 September 2022, the holding of regional consultations on the margins of the regional committee meetings, the holding of public hearings by the Secretariat, as well as the convening of informal focused consultations on specific topics. Summary outputs from each of the workstreams would then inform the development of a conceptual zero draft to be considered by the third meeting of the INB. The Bureau also agreed that the third meeting of the INB should review document A/INB/1/6 Rev.1 and consider updating the timeline and deliverables contained therein.
- In view of the interventions from Member States and relevant stakeholders regarding the identification of the provision of the Constitution of the WHO under which the instrument should be

adopted, the Bureau suggested language to support the meeting to reach consensus, as per the mandate of the INB. The language was presented to the INB and agreed to as reflected in the report of the second meeting of the INB.

- As the meeting progressed, the Bureau discussed the draft report of the second meeting of the INB, noting that it reflected the outcome of the discussions and the progress achieved under each item of the agenda. The Bureau agreed to hold its next meeting on 27 July to take stock of the outcomes of the second meeting of the INB and begin the preparations for the intersessional period.

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