

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) 20 June 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 Driece (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
Mr Kenneth Piercy, Senior Legal Officer
Dr Olla Shideed, Executive Officer, Emergency Preparedness
Mr Steven Solomon, Principal Legal Officer
Mrs Paidamoyo Takaenzana, External Relations Officer, Governance Unit
Ms Mouna Mcharek, External Relations Officer, Governance Unit

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

1. Reflections on the outcomes of the June INB sessions

- The Bureau provided their reflections on the June INB sessions and expressed appreciation to the INB for its active engagement and to the Secretariat for its support. Particularly with respect to the draft annotated outline, the Bureau welcomed the constructive inputs from the INB within a limited time. It noted the divergent views expressed on the structure of the draft annotated outline and looked forward to additional written inputs to provide more clarity and assist the Bureau in coming up with a consensual approach. It was noted that the INB had placed a lot of responsibility upon the Bureau in moving forward with the work. The need to provide the Member States with adequate time to consult within their capitals and consider their positions was also noted.

2. Preparations for the second meeting of the INB (18–22 July 2022)

- The Bureau discussed a draft scenario of how the second meeting of the INB could be conducted, including expected documentation for the meeting, based on a proposal by the Secretariat. It was agreed that the meeting should be held over the originally planned five days in order to provide ample time for needed discussions among the Member States.
- With respect to the requests from some Member States for additional informal consultations with the Bureau, it was noted that such consultations could be done in a transparent manner. In addition, it was noted that Bureau members, accompanied by the Co-Chairs would participate in the upcoming regional committees. It was further noted that participation would be in line with the timelines and deliverables stated in document A/INB/1/6 Rev.1. The Bureau agreed to consider those issues further at a later stage.

3. Schedule of Bureau meetings

- The Bureau agreed to hold its next meetings on 27 and 30 June to consider the written inputs from Member States and relevant stakeholders and to develop a working draft, with the support of the Secretariat.

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