

## **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) 22 March 2022**

#### **Participants**

##### **Bureau members**

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**

Dr Jaouad Mahjour, Assistant Director General, Emergency Preparedness  
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## **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS**

### **1. Review of the online tool for the collection of substantive elements and open-ended written submissions**

Following the presentation by the Secretariat on the proposed online tool and the revised potential elements, the Bureau expressed its appreciation for the work done, in particular the simplicity of the tool and broad language in the elements, and made additional suggestions as follows:

- The Secretariat to develop guidance to be included in the preamble of the tool, with explanatory text on the use of the tool, background information on the source of the proposed list of substantive elements and timelines for completing the submissions in the tool.
- Inclusion of a column allowing countries to indicate whether or not a proposed element should be included in the instrument.
- Any proposed potential elements which did not originate from the COVID-19 recommendations would be removed from the suggested list.
- Reflecting A/INB/1/5, Rev.1, the online tool should provide that submissions from Member States would be accessible to all other Member States, unless specifically requested otherwise, and Member States will be requested to indicate whether they wish their submissions to be made publicly available.

- It was anticipated that each delegation would submit only one submission on each of the topics of substantive elements and open-ended written submissions, to the extent they so wished to make any such submission(s).

## **2. Collection of inputs from relevant stakeholders**

- The Secretariat was requested to develop a similar online tool to collect inputs from relevant stakeholders in Annexes A, B, C and D (and those listed in E, once determined) of document A/INB/1/7 Rev.1, and this would be launched later than that of Member States.
- Inputs from relevant stakeholders should be made public.
- In responding to a question on public hearings, the Secretariat clarified that the first set of public hearings were scheduled to be held on 12 and 13 April 2022 and would focus on the collection of substantive elements. The Secretariat would publish an open invitation on the WHO website and moderate the discussions whilst speaking slots would be on a first come basis. The Secretariat was encouraged to use IT tools to assist with the analysis of the information. Bureau members were encouraged to listen into the discussions.

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