

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) 23 March 2023

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)

Western Pacific Region – Mr Kazuho Taguchi (Japan)

Secretariat

Dr Jaouad Mahjour, Assistant Director General, Emergency Preparedness

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Ms Julia Keyworth, Technical Officer, Protocol Unit

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

- Bureau members shared their reflections on the three informal sessions held since the fourth meeting of the INB and thanked the Secretariat for supporting the organization of the sessions in a limited time frame. Bureau members welcomed the useful discussions and some concrete proposals and recommendations from the panellists. Bureau members discussed options for continuing to engage with experts on technical matters relating to the zero draft of the WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (CA+), such as having WHO experts on call during future INB meetings to provide advice on technical matters if requested by Member States.
- Bureau members discussed the approach and working hours for the upcoming fifth meeting of the INB, the management of written textual proposals from Member States on the zero draft and the potential process for progressing towards a first draft of the zero draft CA+.
- The Secretariat provided Bureau members with an update on a number of INB-related meetings being planned for the coming months, including a strategic roundtable covering the INB during the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly and two meetings with civil society and private sector representatives on the INB process.
 - The Secretariat was also continuing to arrange for Bureau members to participate in a meeting with the co-facilitators of the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response in New York in June.
- Bureau members discussed the feedback received from the editors of The Lancet on the draft INB article being considered for publication. The Bureau members leading the drafting process would revise the article and circulate an updated version to the Bureau for review.

- Bureau members discussed the next joint meeting with the Bureau of the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (WGIHR) taking place on 23 March 2023 and provided guidance on the proposed agenda and issues for discussion during the meeting.

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