

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 September 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)

Western Pacific Region – Mr Kazuho Taguchi (Japan)

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SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

1. Feedback from the informal, focused consultation on legal matters

- The Bureau discussed the proceedings of the first informal, focused consultation on legal matters held on 21 September 2022, with a view to drawing lessons and planning for the next three sessions. Overall, there was positive feedback on the conduct of the first consultation. Bureau members recognized the need for the expert panellists to remain concise and focused in their input on the topic areas. The benefit of raising specific technical views and suggestions by the experts in order to stimulate the debate was appreciated.
- The Secretariat provided informal feedback received from Member States and relevant stakeholders. This included appreciation of the innovative approach encouraged by the Bureau for the conduct of the round table debate among the experts and the discussions that followed, which led to a better understanding by the audience of some complex legal matters.

2. Preparations for the next informal, focused consultations

- In order to improve the arrangements for future informal, focused consultations, and noting the need for diversity of perspectives and inclusivity during the round table debate, the Bureau requested the Secretariat to prepare a contingency list of experts who could be invited. In addition, the Bureau provided guidance on how to update the structure of the debate for better time management and to encourage focused and clear messages or proposals to Member States. Furthermore, the Bureau recognized the benefit of providing the expert panellists with a package of key documents ahead of the sessions, in order to bridge their areas of expertise with the work of the INB, such that the experts could contextualize their input in relation to the relevant topics in the working draft.
- In finalizing the concept notes for the second and third informal, focused consultations on operationalizing and achieving equity, and Intellectual property, production and transfer of technology and know-how, respectively, the Bureau reviewed and provided inputs on the

proposed focus areas for the experts. In addition, the Bureau decided to invite a representative from the private sector to reflect a balance in the perspectives of the panellists. The Bureau further requested the Secretariat to update the concept notes in line with those considerations before sharing them with Member States and relevant stakeholders ahead of the sessions, as well as to proceed with inviting the experts.

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