

## **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) 25 April 2023**

#### **Participants**

##### **Bureau members**

African Region – Ms Precious Matsoso (South Africa)  
Region of the Americas – Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes (Brazil)  
European Region – Mr Roland Driece (Kingdom of the Netherlands)  
Eastern Mediterranean Region – Mr Ahmed Salama Soliman (Egypt)  
Western Pacific Region – Mr Kazuho Taguchi (Japan)

##### **Secretariat**

Dr Jaouad Mahjour, Assistant Director-General, Emergency Preparedness  
Dr Olla Shideed, Executive Officer, Emergency Preparedness  
Ms Anne Huvos, Unit Head, Pandemic Influenza Preparedness  
Mr Steven Solomon, Principal Legal Officer  
Mr Kenneth Piercy, Senior Legal Officer  
Mrs Paidamoyo Takaenzana, External Relations Officer, Governance Unit  
Ms Julia Keyworth, Technical Officer, Protocol Unit

#### **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS**

- Bureau members discussed plans for an INB Bureau retreat and agreed that the retreat would be held in Geneva on 11–12 May 2023 in hybrid format.
- The Secretariat provided an update on the number of submissions received since the conclusion of the fifth meeting of the INB (INB5). A total of 34 submissions were received from INB drafting group members, including 30 submissions from individual WHO Member States and four group and/or joint submissions. The submissions have been published on the secure portal along with previous submissions.
- Bureau members discussed the process for reviewing the submissions and preparing the ‘Bureau’s text’ of the WHO CA+ (the Bureau’s text) for consideration by the INB. The Secretariat will work to synthesize inputs on the zero draft of the WHO CA+ received during INB5 and through written submissions to develop the Bureau’s text for discussion by the Bureau members during their retreat in May.
  - Bureau members also requested that the Secretariat prepare an outline of the proposed Bureau’s text for consideration by the Bureau at their next meeting.
- Bureau members discussed arrangements for a number of upcoming INB-related meetings, including a potential joint meeting of the INB and the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) (WGIHR). The INB and WGIHR Bureaus are scheduled to meet on 2 May 2023 to discuss this matter further.

- Bureau members requested the Secretariat to prepare and share a document outlining the upcoming schedule of meetings relevant to the INB during the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly.

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