

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) 28 September 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 – Ambassador Kozo Honsei (Japan)

Secretariat

Dr Jaouad Mahjour, Head of WHO Secretariat to INB and International Health Regulations (2005) Amendments

Dr Olla Shideed, Executive Officer, Emergency Preparedness

Ms Anne Huvos, Unit Head, Pandemic Influenza Preparedness

Mr Kenneth Piercy, Senior Legal Officer

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SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

- Bureau members discussed engagement with the co-facilitators of the informal INB drafting group meetings on Articles 4, 5, 9, 11, 12 and 13 to inform the drafting of a negotiating text of the WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (WHO CA+).
 - It was agreed that the co-facilitators would be invited to attend the Bureau meeting on 5 October 2023. The Bureau, with support from the Secretariat, would prepare some proposed criteria to inform the negotiating text of the articles, for discussion with the co-facilitators at the meeting.
 - It was further agreed that the meeting would be rescheduled to take place over the lunch break of the fourth day of the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) (WGIHR5), as many of the co-facilitators would be participating in WGIHR5 at that time.
- Bureau members discussed time frames for developing a proposed negotiating text of the WHO CA+, including plans for the upcoming Bureau retreat scheduled to take place in Geneva on 12 and 13 October 2023 to finalize the text.
- Bureau members discussed arrangements for the upcoming seventh meeting of the INB (INB7), scheduled to be held from 6 to 10 November 2023. Bureau members invited the Secretariat to consider logistical arrangements for enabling relevant stakeholders to access WHO premises during INB7, to enable engagement with Member States.
- The Secretariat advised that the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board (GPMB) Co-Chairs had requested to brief the Bureau in advance of the launch and publication of the GPMB 2023 report on the state of the world's preparedness. Bureau members agreed to work with the Secretariat to find a suitable date for that briefing, as well as for a briefing with the Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme that had also been requested.