

## **Note for the record**

### **Joint 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) and the Bureau of the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) (WGIHR) 29 August 2023**

#### **Participants**

##### **INB Bureau members**

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 – Ambassador Kozo Honsei (Japan)

##### **WGIHR Bureau members**

Region of the Americas – Mr Colin McIff (United States of America)  
Eastern Mediterranean Region – Dr Abdullah Assiri (Saudi Arabia)  
Western Pacific Region – Dr Ashley Bloomfield (New Zealand)

##### **Secretariat**

Dr Carmen Dolea, Unit Head, International Health Regulations Secretariat  
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#### **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS**

- The meeting opened with a brief update on the G20 Health Ministers' meeting held on 18 and 19 August 2023. The INB and WGIHR Bureaus had been represented at that meeting by Mr Roland Driece and Dr Ashley Bloomfield, respectively, who had been invited to provide an update on the two processes. They reported that the health ministers had been very supportive of the INB and WGIHR processes, and that the meeting outcome document included several references to the two processes.
- Members of the INB and WGIHR Bureaus reflected on the discussions at the joint plenary meeting held on 21 and 24 July 2023. The Secretariat was requested to circulate the draft summary of key points among Members States following the Bureaus' review.
- The Bureaus would consider updating the list of topics of common interest to the INB and WGIHR processes with options on how the topics might be addressed by each process.
- Members of the INB and WGIHR Bureaus considered the three proposed joint INB and WGIHR events and the suggested dates in September 2023, namely:
  - a briefing on the financing landscape – suggested date: 12 September 2023, from 9:00 to 10:30;

- a briefing on the intermediate alert – public health emergency of international concern – pandemic continuum including definitions and criteria/process for defining each – suggested date: 19 September 2023, from 13:00 to 14:30; and
  - a consultation on access to health/pandemic-related products addressed by both instruments – date to be determined.
- The meeting noted the importance of the proposed events to move discussions forward. The meeting agreed that the INB Bureau would consider further the proposed events at its meeting and report to the WGIHR Bureau on its preferred course of action by 1 September 2023.
  - Bureau members agreed that discussions related to access and benefit-sharing should continue across both processes to gain further clarity on how they should be addressed.
  - The Secretariat agreed to circulate the summary reference table of global processes and initiatives related to pandemic prevention, preparedness and response among Member States for their reference.

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