

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) 30 March 2023

Participants

Bureau members

African Region – Ms Precious Matsoso (South Africa)
Region of the Americas – Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes (Brazil)
South-East Asia Region – Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien (Thailand)
European Region – Mr Roland Driec (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 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 provided an update on the journal articles on the INB which had been authored by Bureau members. The first article had been published in the British Medical Journal. The second article had been accepted for publication by The Lancet and was expected to be published during the week of the fifth meeting of the INB (INB5). A potential third article was currently being considered.
- Bureau members discussed the approach to be taken in INB5 and agreed that the drafting group at INB5 should open with the consideration of Chapter III of the zero draft of the WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (CA+). Bureau members also provided advice to the Secretariat on the draft scenario for INB5, which would be revised accordingly.
- The Secretariat noted that no formal textual proposals on the zero draft CA+ had yet been received from Member States. Bureau members agreed that the Secretariat would email drafting group members to invite textual proposals and to provide access to the secure online portal where those proposals would be made available to drafting group members.
- Bureau members requested the Secretariat to consider whether additional days could be added to the INB drafting group meeting scheduled to be held in June 2023. The Secretariat undertook to provide advice to the Bureau on that matter.

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