

## **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) 15 May 2023**

#### **Participants**

##### **INB 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)

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

African Region – Dr Sultani Matendehero (Kenya)  
Region of the Americas – Mr Colin McIff (United States of America)  
South-East Asia Region – Ambassador Grata Endah Werdaningtyas (Indonesia)  
European Region – Ambassador François Rivasseau (France)  
Eastern Mediterranean Region – Dr Abdullah Asiri (Saudi Arabia)  
Western Pacific Region – Dr Ashley Bloomfield (New Zealand)

##### **Secretariat**

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#### **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS**

- Members of both Bureaus discussed the timing of the proposed joint INB and WGIHR meetings
  - It was agreed that the initial informal meeting of the INB and WGIHR, scheduled to be held virtually on 5 June 2023, would be rescheduled to later in the day to commence at 14:00.
  - It was agreed that the joint plenary meeting of the INB and WGIHR would take place in the afternoon of 21 July 2023 (final day of the sixth meeting of the INB) and in the morning of 24 July 2023 (first day of the fourth meeting of the WGIHR), provided that could be accommodated logistically by the Secretariat.

- Bureau members also discussed the proposed approach for the upcoming joint INB and WGIHR meetings.
  - Bureau members considered that the initial informal meeting on 5 June 2023 should be used to prepare for the joint plenary meeting in July 2023, with Member States invited to advise on which topics they considered to require joint consideration by the INB and WGIHR, and how those topics could be best addressed at the plenary meeting. Bureau members agreed that a set of targeted questions should be used to guide the discussion towards a productive outcome.

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