

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) 30 May 2023

Participants

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European Region – Mr Roland Driee (Kingdom of the Netherlands)

Western Pacific Region – Mr Kazuho Taguchi (Japan)

WGIHR Bureau members

African Region – Dr Sultani Matendechemo (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)

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SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

- Bureau members discussed the approach for the informal joint meeting of the INB and WGIHR on 5 June 2023, including the proposed guiding questions to be considered by Member States during the meeting. It was agreed that the Secretariat would revise the guiding questions based on input received from Bureau members. The revised questions would be reviewed and agreed to by both Bureaus before being circulated to Member States.
- Bureau members agreed that the Co-Chairs of both Bureaus would separately discuss and agree on the chairing arrangements for the two upcoming joint INB and WGIHR meetings.

- Members of both Bureaus agreed to the Secretariat's proposal to change to producing a joint INB and WGIHR newsletter, rather than the current approach of having a separate newsletter for each process. The newsletter would cover matters relating to the INB and WGIHR processes in two separate sections (with text to be cleared by the relevant Bureau), and also contain a third section relating to the joint work of the two groups (with text to be jointly cleared by both Bureaus).

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