

Report of the meeting

1. The resumed meeting of the drafting group of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB) to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response was held on 22 September 2023 in a hybrid format, under the leadership of Vice-Chairs Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes of Brazil and Ambassador Kozo Honsei of Japan, with Ms Precious Matsoso of South Africa and Mr Roland Driecce of the Kingdom of the Netherlands as Co-Chairs and Mr Ahmed Soliman of Egypt and Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien of Thailand as Vice-Chairs.
2. As previously agreed by the INB, the resumed meeting of the drafting group was held in a closed session, with the participation of Member States, Associate Members, regional economic integration organizations as appropriate and the observer delegations of the Holy See and Palestine. It was not publicly webcast.
3. The Vice-Chairs provided an update on the coordination between the INB and Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) Bureaus, as well as joint briefings on topics of relevance to the two processes. The Secretariat provided an update on the United Nations General Assembly high-level meeting on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response and the approval of the political declaration on 20 September 2023.
4. Pursuant to the interim report of the meeting (document A/INB/DG/3), the co-facilitators of the informal meetings of the drafting group provided reports to the resumed meeting in relation to: Articles 4 (Pandemic prevention and public health surveillance) and 5 (Strengthening pandemic prevention and preparedness through a One Health approach), (jointly) co-facilitated by India, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United Republic of Tanzania; Article 9 (Research and development), co-facilitated by Mexico and Norway; Article 11 (Co-development and transfer of technology and know-how), co-facilitated by Colombia, the Philippines and Saudi Arabia; Article 12 (Access and benefit-sharing), co-facilitated by Australia and Ethiopia; and Article 13 (Supply chain and logistics), co-facilitated by Indonesia and Pakistan. The drafting group thanked the co-facilitators for their work, noted with appreciation the reports and written feedback and provided comments.
5. In advance of the seventh meeting of the INB, the Bureau would conduct a briefing for Member States and relevant stakeholders in October 2023 on the proposed negotiating text.
6. The meeting considered and approved its report and the Vice-Chairs closed the session.