
Report of the meeting

1. The tenth meeting 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 16 and 17 July 2024 in a hybrid format. Following decision WHA77(20) (2024), paragraph 2, the meeting elected Ms Precious Matsoso of South Africa as Co-Chair and Ambassador Anne-Claire Amprou of France as Co-Chair on an interim basis, with the following elected as Vice-Chairs: Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes of Brazil; Ambassador Amr Ramadan of Egypt; Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien of Thailand; and Ms Fleur Davies of Australia to replace Ambassador Honsei Kozo of Japan, effective 18 July 2024. The meeting welcomed the election of the Bureau members and thanked the outgoing Co-Chair, Mr Roland Driece of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, as well as Vice-Chair Ambassador Honsei Kozo of Japan for their contributions.
2. In his remarks, the Director-General also expressed his appreciation to the outgoing Co-Chair Mr Roland Driece and gratitude to the Bureau members for their service. He commended the INB for its progress and stated that completing these negotiations this year would represent a unique and historic achievement.
3. In line with previous practice and the promotion of transparency in the work of the INB, as all sessions of the tenth meeting were open, with the participation of relevant stakeholders, the meeting was webcast. The meeting agreed to delete agenda item 4 (Proposals from Member States of entities to be included in Annex D and/or Annex E of document A/INB/9/6) as no proposals were received under this item. Member States noted the importance of continued engagement with relevant stakeholders.
4. Following the adoption of the agenda and programme of work, the meeting considered and agreed to the proposed workplan, meeting schedule and updates, as appropriate, to the method of work, as reflected in document A/INB/10/3 Rev.1. The INB requested the Bureau, with the support of the Secretariat, to provide the following:
 - (a) a detailed programme of work, to be circulated as soon as possible in advance of the eleventh meeting of the INB scheduled for 9–20 September 2024;
 - (b) a schedule of interactive dialogues and outreach to provide balanced and diverse expertise, viewpoints and perspectives on: Article 12 (Pathogen Access and Benefit-Sharing System); Article 4 (Pandemic prevention and surveillance) and Article 5 (One Health approach for Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response); and on the complementarity and coherence between the amended International Health Regulations (2005) adopted by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly and relevant Articles in the proposal for the WHO Pandemic Agreement; as well as on the legal architecture of the proposal for the WHO Pandemic Agreement, during the week of 2 September 2024;

(c) a proposal for an intersessional work schedule of informal meetings between the eleventh and twelfth meetings of the INB (the twelfth meeting is scheduled for 4–15 November 2024);

(d) an information document by the Secretariat on the legal architecture of the proposal for the WHO Pandemic Agreement, with options for Member States to consider, as well as an information document on the complementarity and coherence between the amended International Health Regulations (2005) adopted by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly and relevant Articles in the proposal for the WHO Pandemic Agreement, which could include, as appropriate, relevant proposals, to be circulated in advance of the interactive dialogues and outreach during the week of 2 September 2024 and the eleventh meeting of the INB; and

(e) a proposal for additional days for the INB to meet, if necessary, in 2025 prior to the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly.

5. The meeting considered and approved its report, and the Co-Chairs closed the session.

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