
Report of the meeting

Final report of the meeting

1. The resumed thirteenth 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 7–12 and 15–16 April 2025 in a hybrid format, under the leadership of Ms Precious Matsoso of South Africa and Ambassador Anne-Claire Amprou of France as Co-Chairs, and Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes of Brazil; Ambassador Amr Ramadan of Egypt; Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien of Thailand; and Ms Fleur Davies of Australia as Vice Chairs. The resumed meeting was held under the same modalities as those at the thirteenth meeting held on 17–21 February 2025.¹
2. In his opening remarks, the Director-General recognized that the final round of the INB negotiations was beginning on World Health Day, marking the day that the Constitution of the World Health Organization entered into force on 7 April 1948. He recalled that, in response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, and in line with one of the constitutional functions of the Organization, Member States had established the INB to draft and negotiate a convention or agreement on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response. He lauded Member States for the hard work and progress over the past three and half years and called on their engagement and leadership to finalize the draft WHO Pandemic Agreement.
3. The INB agreed to a proposal from a Member State for one additional relevant stakeholder to be included in Annex E of document A/INB/13/3.
4. The INB worked extensively on the outstanding articles in the draft WHO Pandemic Agreement. After intensive negotiations and cognizant of its mandate, the INB reached consensus on the draft WHO Pandemic Agreement and decided to submit it, and an accompanying covering note, to the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly. Argentina stated that it was unable to join consensus on the draft WHO Pandemic Agreement and requested that this be noted in the record of the meeting.

¹ The interim report of the meeting is contained in document A/INB/13/4.

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5. The INB requested the Bureau, with the support of the Secretariat and at least two weeks prior to the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly, to ensure the uniformity of terminology throughout the text of the draft WHO Pandemic Agreement; harmonize it in the six official languages of WHO; and ensure its legal soundness, in consultation with members of the INB drafting group.
 6. The meeting considered and approved its final report, and the Co-Chairs closed the session.
