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to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other
international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and
response**

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Statement by

International Organization for Migration (IOM)



The International Organization for Migration, IOM, commends the work done so far by Member States in the INB in its efforts to negotiate an international agreement on PPPR. IOM applauds the inclusion of health workforce migration and considering the impact it has on PPPR.

IOM would like to urge Member States to recognize that migrants, refugees and internally displaced persons are often disproportionately impacted by pandemics, and of the need to address their needs and vulnerabilities; and to strengthen intersectoral international cooperation for building health systems resilience, including the several sectors responsible for managing migration.

Equitable and affordable access to health and protection services for populations on the move must be included in ongoing discussions, respecting universal health coverage principles. Learning from the shared experience of COVID-19, the inclusion of migrants and displaced persons, should be a part of forward-looking solutions and future operationalization of any resulting agreement.

IOM further advocates for the inclusion of strengthening national public health capacities at borders and securing sustainable funding for integrated border management systems that encompass public health concerns through a multi-sectoral and whole-of-government approach. These efforts would further ensure that PPPR is fully integrated into national immigration and border management systems.

IOM stands ready to support the work of the INB and the implementation of any future agreement, through working with WHO and member states to provide thematic expertise in the area of migration and implementation capacities in countries to ensure a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach to further advance this agenda.