

Bangladesh statement

Agenda Item 16.2

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

Documents A78/10 [[Draft PA](#)], A78/10 Add.1 [[Draft Resolution](#)] and A78/INF./9 [[information on procedural matters](#)]

Thank you, Madam President.

Conclusion of Pandemic agreement negotiation is a beacon of hope in the current complex dynamics of multilateralism. Hence, we all should be in a festive mood for celebration of our success in the INB.

In our assessment, the pandemic agreement, as agreed, has useful deliverables and actions that will serve the entire humanity. Hence, it would be exigent to adopt this agreement on a consensus basis.

We do firmly believe that the Pandemic agreement will help find solutions not only during pandemic time but also be useful during pre-pandemic time. Towards that, we need to be sincere, bold and cordial at its implementation stage.

The Annex on Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing System which – was once called the heart of the treaty, would require the following at the crafting stage:

First, access to VTDs to vulnerable and affected populations has to be ensured for effective prevention of PHEIC from progressing to a pandemic emergency;

Second, manufacturing licenses are to be made available to manufacturers in all regions and developing countries, especially when there is a shortage of supplies of VTDs;

Third, traceability and accountability in both access to pathogens and sharing of benefits; and

Finally, legal certainty and guarantees to the above are to be ascertained.

The resolution for adoption of the pandemic agreement has transparency elements and good structure of the Bureau for a balanced representation of the regions.

Bangladesh fully supports the text of the pandemic Agreement as agreed by the INB as well as the resolution agreed in the informal.

I thank you, Chair.
