



Iraqi Ministry of Health
Statement

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Committee A

Pillar 2: One billion more people better protected from health emergencies

16. Health emergency preparedness and response

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

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Iraq remains committed to global health security, equity, and solidarity, and stands ready to work with WHO and Member States to address these challenges and ensure the effective implementation of this landmark agreement.

Distinguished Chairperson, Honorable Delegates,

Iraqi Ministry of Health extends sincere appreciation to the World Health Organization for its leadership and commitment in shaping the Pandemic in Agreement—an essential step toward a safer and more equitable global health future.

Iraq strongly supports this agreement, which we view as a cornerstone for international solidarity and shared responsibility.

This agreement seeks to strengthen prevention, improve the sharing of information, and ensure fairness in access to vaccines, medicines, and medical equipment. It also emphasizes the importance of building local capacities, respecting national sovereignty, and maintaining a balance between rights and responsibilities.

Iraq remains firmly committed to working in partnership with the WHO and all Member States to ensure the effective and fair implementation of this historic agreement

In conclusion, let us make this agreement the beginning of a new era—one in which health is upheld as a fundamental human right, bridges are built instead of barriers, and we work together toward a world of greater preparedness, justice, and humanity.

Thank you