SIXTH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS (2005)
Geneva, 7–8 December 2023

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Draft programme of work

- 1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda
 - The Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) (the Working Group) will be invited to adopt the agenda (document A/WGIHR/6/1) and agree on the programme of work (document A/WGIHR/6/2).
 - The Co-Chairs will provide an update on intersessional activities and coordination with the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.
- 2. Overview of the proposed approach to consider the proposed amendments following the finalization of the second reading of all articles
 - The Co-Chairs will provide an update on the Bureau's proposed approach to consider the proposed amendments.
 - Member States and regional groups will be invited to provide updates on the following text proposals:
 - Article 13A Equitable access to health products, technologies and know-how for public health response (Africa Group and Bangladesh)
 - Article 44; Article 44A; and Annexes 1 and 10 Current technical support, capacity-building and collaborative activities undertaken (Saudi Arabia)
 - Article 53A Establishment of an implementation committee (Africa Group)
 - Article 53 bis-quater The Compliance Committee (United States of America)
 - Article 54 Reporting and review (Malaysia) and Article 54 bis Implementation (European Union)
- 3. Consideration of text proposals from the Bureau, Member States and regional groups
 - The Co-Chairs will introduce the Bureau's text proposals for the following articles and annexes and facilitate discussion on these proposals:
 - Articles 4–9; 15–19; 23; 24; 27; 28; 31; 35; 36; 42; 43; 45; 56; and Annexes 3; 4;
 6; and 8

- The Co-Chairs will provide an update on the proposed approach for further work on the following articles and annexes:
 - Article 10 Verification and Article 11 Provision of information by WHO
 - Article 12 Determination of a public health emergency of international concern, together with Part IX, Chapter II The Emergency Committee, Article 48 Terms of reference and composition; Article 49 Procedure; and Annex 2 Decision instrument for the assessment and notification of events that may constitute a public health emergency of international concern
 - Article 1 Definitions; Article 2 Purpose and scope; and Article 3 Principles
- 4. Proposals from Member States for entities to be included in Annex D and/or Annex E of document A/WGIHR/4/6 [if any]
 - The Co-Chairs will invite Member States to consider and agree to any new proposals of entities in Annex D and/or Annex E.
- 5. Report of the meeting
- 6. Closure of the session

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