EIGHTH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS (2005) Geneva, 22–26 April 2024

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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/8/1) and agree on the programme of work (document A/WGIHR/8/2).
 - 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
 - The Co-Chairs will provide an update on how the Bureau's proposed text was developed and on the Bureau's proposed approach to consider that amended text.
- 3. Consideration of proposed amendments including text proposals from the Bureau and the outcome of intersessional discussions
 - For each of the following items any definitions to be included or amended under Article 1 Definitions, will be also addressed.
 - The Co-Chairs will introduce the updated Bureau's text on proposed amendments related to the following articles, which were discussed at the seventh meeting of the Working Group:
 - (a) Articles 13 and 44, following the integration of provisions previously addressed by Articles 13A and 44A.
 - The Co-Chairs will introduce the updated Bureau's text on proposed amendments related to the following articles:
 - (a) Article 54 bis, based on proposals initially submitted to amend Article 54 and the proposals for new Articles 53A, 53 bis-quater, 54 and 54 bis;
 - (b) Articles 2 and 3.

- The Co-Chairs will introduce the updated Bureau's text on proposed amendments related to the following articles, which were discussed at the seventh meeting of the Working Group:
 - (a) Article 12 Determination of a public health emergency of international concern, including a pandemic emergency, and related Articles 11, (13), 15, 16, 17, 18, 48 and 49.
- The Co-Chairs will introduce the updated Bureau's text on proposed amendments related to the following articles and annexes, which were discussed at previous meetings of the Working Group:
 - (a) Part I. Definitions, purpose and scope, principles and responsible authorities: Article 4;
 - (b) Part II. Information and public health response: Article 5, (13), and Annex 1; Articles 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and Annex 2;
 - (c) Part IV. Points of entry: Article 19 (and Annex 1);
 - (d) Part V. Public health measures: Articles 23, 24 and Annex 4; Articles 27, 28, 31;
 - (e) Part VI. Health documents: Articles 35, 36 and Annex 6; Article 37 and Annexes 3, (4), 8;
 - (f) Part VIII. General provisions: Articles 42, 43, 45;
 - (g) Part X. Final provisions: Articles 54, 56.
- The Co-Chairs will provide an update regarding the WHA77 draft resolution.
- 4. Proposals from Member States for entities to be included in Annex D and/or Annex E of document A/WGIHR/7/6 [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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