Report of the meeting

Report of the resumed session of the eighth meeting and follow-on meetings of the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005)

1. The resumed session of the eighth meeting of the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) (WGIHR) was held on 16, 17 and 18 May 2024 in a hybrid format under the leadership of Dr Abdullah Assiri of Saudi Arabia and Dr Ashley Bloomfield of New Zealand as Co-Chairs, with the following Vice-Chairs: Dr Sultani Matendechero of Kenya, Mr Colin McIff of the United States of America, Ambassador François Rivasseau of France and Ambassador Achsanul Habib of Indonesia.

2. In accordance with the Working Group’s decision on webcasting and participation of relevant stakeholders, agenda item 3 was reserved for the drafting group and was considered in closed session. Agenda items 5 and 6 were considered in open sessions that were webcast.¹

3. Further to the interim report of the Working Group’s eighth meeting,² the Co-Chairs noted the work that had been conducted since the first session of the eighth meeting in April 2024. They thanked Member States for the additional feedback that they had shared on the Bureau’s draft text proposals.

4. The drafting group considered the Bureau’s proposed text as listed in the programme of work³ and provided constructive feedback on the Bureau’s text proposals.

5. The Bureau prepared and circulated revised and updated text proposals, the last version of which was shared on 23 May 2024.

6. On 23 and 24 May 2024, the Working Group held follow-on meetings to its eighth meeting and decided to submit to the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly the above-referenced text, without attribution and with a covering note, to reflect the work of the WGIHR.

7. The Working Group did not reach consensus on a package of targeted amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005), and all text should only be considered to be finally agreed once the overall package of amendments is finalized.

8. The Working Group considered and approved its meeting report.

¹ Document A/WGIHR/2/8 Rev.1.
² Document A/WGIHR/8/3.
³ Document A/WGIHR/8/2.