

## **Timelines and deliverables for the Working Group on Strengthening WHO Preparedness and Response to Health Emergencies**

### **Timeline**

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| <b>15 – 16 July:</b>             | <b>First meeting of the Working Group on Strengthening WHO Preparedness and Response to Health Emergencies (Working Group)</b>   |
| <b>24 – 26 August:</b>           | Regional Committee for Africa: seventy-first session <sup>1</sup>  |
| <b>1 – 3 September:</b>          | <b>Second meeting of the Working Group</b>   |
| <b>6 – 10 September:</b>         | Regional Committee for South-East Asia: seventy-fourth session <sup>1</sup>  |
| <b>13 – 15 September:</b>        | Regional Committee for Europe: seventy-first session <sup>1</sup>  |
| <b>20 – 24 September:</b>        | Regional Committee for the Americas: seventy-third session <sup>1</sup><br><i>Relevant stakeholder consultations (virtual)/subgroup meetings, if any – dates TBC</i>             |
| <b>4 – 6 October:</b>            | <b>Third meeting of the Working Group</b>  |
| <b>11 – 14 October:</b>          | Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean: sixty-eighth session <sup>1</sup><br><i>Relevant stakeholder consultations (virtual)/subgroup meetings, if any – dates TBC</i> |
| <b>25 – 29 October:</b>          | Regional Committee for the Western Pacific: seventy-second session <sup>1</sup>  |
| <b>1 – 3 November:</b>           | <b>Fourth meeting of the Working Group</b>   |
| <b>29 November – 1 December:</b> | <b>Special session of the World Health Assembly to consider developing a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic preparedness and response</b>   |

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<sup>1</sup> The Working Group invites the Secretariat to bring to the attention of the regional committees a request by the Working Group Co-Chairs and the respective Vice-Chair of the relevant Region, to brief the Regional Committee on the progress of the Working Group and to provide an opportunity for an exchange of views. This would not take the place of formal Working Group meetings and negotiations but would allow for maximum transparency and for listening to the views of Member States in the context of their regional committees.

### **Deliverables**

1. In accordance with decision WHA74(16) (2021), a report on the prioritization of “the assessment of the benefits of developing a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic preparedness and response” at the special session of the World Health Assembly in November 2021.
2. In accordance with resolution WHA74.7 (2021), a report with proposed actions for the WHO Secretariat, Member States and non-State actors, as appropriate, for consideration by the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly through the Executive Board at its 150th session.

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