

THIRD MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON STRENGTHENING WHO PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TO HEALTH EMERGENCIES Geneva, 4-6 October 2021

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Draft programme of work

October 2021		
Monday 4 October	Item 1	Opening of the session
12:00 – 15:00	Item 2	Adoption of the agenda
16:00 – 19:00	Item 3	Follow-up to Member States' requests made at the second meeting of the Working Group on Strengthening WHO Preparedness and Response to Health Emergencies
Tuesday 5 October		• Presentation by the Secretariat on the role of United Nations organizations during health emergencies and financing during health emergencies
12:00 – 15:00	- 15:00 - 19:00 Item 4 esday ober	 Followed by questions and answers
16:00 – 19:00		Consideration of the findings and recommendations of the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response, the IHR Review Committee and the Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme, taking into account relevant work of WHO, including that stemming
Wednesday 6 October		from resolution WHA73.1 (2020) and decision EB148(12) (2021), as well as the work of other relevant bodies, organizations, non-State actors and any other relevant information
12:00 – 15:00		 Update on the preliminary findings from COVID-19-related recommendation mapping Followed by questions and answers
		• Debrief on the "deep dive" on strengthening the International Health Regulations (2005) and a potential new WHO instrument
		 Followed by questions and answers
	Item 5	Prioritization of the assessment of the benefits of developing a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic preparedness and response
		• Presentation by the Secretariat on the analysis to further identify the incentives for a new instrument on pandemic preparedness and response and the options for strengthening the effectiveness of the International Health Regulations (2005), including a consideration of the benefits, risks and legal implications
Wednesday 6 October	Item 6	Preparation of a report for consideration by the special session of the World Health Assembly, as well as a report with proposed actions for the WHO Secretariat,
16:00 – 19:00		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
		Report of the third meeting: progress and next steps
	Item 7	Closure of the session