

Report of the meeting

Interim report of the meeting

1. The fifth meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB) to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response was held from 3–6 April 2023 in a hybrid format, under the leadership of Ms Precious Matsoso of South Africa and Mr Roland Driecé of the Netherlands as Co-Chairs, with the following Vice-Chairs: Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes of Brazil; Mr Ahmed Soliman of Egypt; Mr Kazuho Taguchi of Japan; and Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien of Thailand.
2. In line with previous practice and the promotion of transparency in the work of the INB regarding public webcasting and participation of relevant stakeholders, agenda items 1, 5 and 6 were publicly webcast, whilst the drafting group meeting addressing item 2, as well as items 3 and 4, were held in closed sessions.
3. With respect to agenda item 2 on the consideration and negotiation of the zero draft of the WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (WHO CA+):
 - (a) Drafting group participants may provide textual proposals by close of business on 22 April 2023 and those proposals as a package will be made available immediately for other drafting group participants.
 - (b) Shortly thereafter, the Bureau will provide the drafting group with a compilation reflecting all the inputs received during the fourth and fifth meetings of the INB as well as written textual proposals to be received.
 - (c) As per paragraph 24(f) of document A/INB/1/3 Rev.1, the INB Bureau will “make proposals to Member States on ways forward, for their consideration”. In this regard, the INB Bureau will provide, in addition to the compilation document referred to above, for consideration of the drafting group, a Bureau text, including options where feasible, based on all submissions received and included in the compilation document, in order to facilitate the work of the drafting group, on the continued understanding that nothing is agreed until everything is agreed.
 - (d) The Bureau’s text will be provided to members of the drafting group no later than 22 May 2023, first in the English language as an advance copy and then in all other WHO languages as they become available.

(e) The Bureau will organize a briefing session for the drafting group members in advance of the June meeting.

(f) Modalities with respect to the June drafting group meeting will be presented to Member States for consideration in advance of the meeting.

(g) The INB Bureau will engage with the Bureau of the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005), with a view to holding a joint plenary meeting of the two bodies in advance of the June drafting group meeting.

(h) The remaining informal intersessional events that were decided by Member States at the fourth meeting of the INB, on Article 1 and Article 4.8, will be scheduled by the Bureau, as appropriate.

4. As per decision SSA2(5) (2021), the INB considered and provided guidance regarding its progress report to the Seventy-Sixth World Health Assembly (document A/INB/5/3), and agreed that the progress report could be submitted to the Assembly, as amended.

5. The INB agreed to one additional proposal from a Member State for a relevant stakeholder to be included in Annex E of document A/INB/4/5, on the understanding that the document continues to be a living document.

6. As per paragraph 14 of document A/INB/4/4, it was decided to suspend the fifth meeting of the INB, following adoption of its interim report, and resume the meeting at the last day of its June drafting group meeting.

7. The meeting considered and approved its interim report and the Co-Chairs suspended the session.

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