

Interim report of the meeting

1. The drafting group of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB) to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (WHO CA+) was held from 4 to 6 September 2023 in a hybrid format, under the leadership of Ms Precious Matsoso of South Africa and Mr Roland Driece of the Kingdom of the Netherlands as Co-Chairs, with the following Vice-Chairs: Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes of Brazil; Mr Ahmed Soliman of Egypt; Ambassador Kozo Honsei of Japan; and Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien of Thailand.
2. As previously agreed by the INB, the meeting of the drafting group was held in a closed session, with the participation of Member States, Associate Members, regional economic integration organizations, as appropriate, and the Observer delegations of Palestine and the Holy See, and was not publicly webcast.
3. Pursuant to the report of the sixth meeting of the INB, informal meetings of the drafting group were held in relation to: Articles 4 (Pandemic prevention and public health surveillance) and 5 (Strengthening pandemic prevention and preparedness through a One Health approach) (jointly) co-facilitated by India, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United Republic of Tanzania; Article 9 (Research and development) co-facilitated by Mexico and Norway; Article 11 (Co-development and transfer of technology and know-how) co-facilitated by Colombia, the Philippines and Saudi Arabia; Article 12 (Access and benefit-sharing) co-facilitated by Australia and Ethiopia; and Article 13 (Supply chain and logistics) co-facilitated by Indonesia and Pakistan. The meeting thanked the co-facilitators for their work as well as for their verbal reports on progress achieved to date.
4. A resumed session of the INB drafting group will be held on 22 September 2023 to take stock of progress achieved. In advance of that session, the INB will hold additional co-facilitated informal meetings of the drafting group on Articles 4 and 5 (jointly) and Articles 11 and 12 of the Bureau's text by 22 September 2023. The INB Bureau will circulate a schedule for these informal meetings. It was noted that further informal meetings on Articles 9 and 13 would not be required. To support the work of the informal meetings of the INB drafting group, the INB Bureau may invite relevant experts to future informal meetings, in consultation with the relevant co-facilitators. The WHO Secretariat will continue to provide, as available, space for additional informal meetings of Member States to facilitate the work of the INB.
5. The importance of submitting a legally binding international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response to the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly, in line with the INB's mandate from the Health Assembly, was reaffirmed. The INB Bureau will develop and circulate to the INB for its consideration a proposal for negotiating text of the WHO CA+ by 16 October 2023 (consisting firstly of an advance unedited English version, to be followed as soon as possible and no

later than 30 October 2023 by translated versions thereof), based on the discussions of the INB at its fourth, fifth and sixth meetings as well as the meeting of the drafting group, including its informal consultations and the reports of the co-facilitators of those consultations. The reports of the co-facilitators will be shared with the INB drafting group. The Bureau will continue to consult with the co-facilitators, as appropriate. It was agreed that the proposal for negotiating text would be without prejudice to the right of any Member State to present textual proposals and to the status of the compilation document.

6. It was decided that the seventh meeting of the INB will take place from 6 to 10 November and will resume from 4 to 6 December 2023 to allow for the presentation and consideration of the negotiating text of the WHO CA+.

7. Regarding the preparations for the eighth and ninth meetings of the INB to be held in hybrid format from 19 February to 1 March and from 18 to 29 March 2024 respectively, the Bureau will provide for the consideration of the INB a plan for those meetings at the resumed seventh meeting of the INB in December 2023.

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

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