
Report of the meeting

1. The second resumed session of the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (INB) was held from 6 to 8 June 2022 in a hybrid format, under the leadership of Mr Roland Driecé of the Netherlands and Ms Precious Matsoso of South Africa 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. Following the adoption of the revised agenda and programme of work, it was agreed that consideration of agenda item 7: Report of the meeting would be webcast for the public to follow the main conclusions of the meeting. It was also proposed that future sessions of the INB could be webcast to the public in an effort to promote continued transparency of the work of the INB. Relevant stakeholders were invited to provide their comments under agenda item 2 during the session.
3. Under agenda item 2: Draft consolidated outline document of the substantive elements, as a basis for consideration and discussion, presentations were made by the Secretariat to summarize the outcomes of the INB digital platform (online tool and open-ended submissions), as well as to summarize the report by the Director-General to the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly on strengthening the global architecture for health emergency preparedness and response.¹
4. Member States highlighted that an outcome instrument should complement and be aligned with existing instruments within WHO and that efforts should be made to synchronize the work of the INB and the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) (WGIHR). While expressing appreciation for the work by the Bureau, some Member States requested that the Bureau should further refine the substantive elements and take a more active role with regard to the synthesis, categorization and articulation of the outcomes from the online platform for the collection of substantive elements. It was noted that some of the additional substantive elements from Member States were a duplication of existing elements in the online tool and the Bureau was requested to further synthesize those elements. The Bureau was also requested to provide an outline that could form the basis of meaningful future discussions. The INB noted the reports contained in documents A/INB/1/8 and A/INB/1/9, taking into account the comments raised.
5. Member States thanked the Secretariat for the presentation on health emergency preparedness and response and requested information on the next steps. The Secretariat highlighted that an implementation plan on taking forward the proposals within the remit of the Secretariat was under development. Further

¹ Document A75/17.

opportunities for discussions with Member States would be provided either through the INB, the WGIHR or a Secretariat-led process. Member States reiterated that the INB process should continue to be Member State-led, while respecting the principles of inclusivity and transparency.

6. Under agenda item 3: Report by the Secretariat on the outcomes of the first round of public hearings, the Secretariat gave a presentation on the main outcomes of the public hearings, in order to inform the work of the INB. Member States suggested that future public hearings could accommodate different time zones and that there should be regional outreach, including through the WHO regional offices. It was also proposed that the regional offices should explore the possibility of holding public hearings at the regional level to ensure the broadest possible outreach. The Secretariat was encouraged to reschedule the second round of public hearings at the earliest possible opportunity and to investigate and counter disinformation and misinformation regarding the work of the INB. The Secretariat undertook to explore the matter further, including, potentially, through the holding of a dedicated press conference by the Director-General. The INB noted the report contained in document A/INB/1/10, taking into account the comments raised.

7. With respect to agenda item 4: Proposal by the Bureau of a Member State-led process for the development of a working draft, with possible establishment of subgroups, the INB, following discussions, took note of the report contained in document A/INB/1/11. Based on the request of the INB and with the support of the Secretariat, the Bureau developed a white paper containing a draft annotated outline of a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, as well as a revised approach and modality for the way forward to preparing the working draft, to be presented on the basis of progress achieved to the second meeting of the INB in July 2022. In its preliminary consideration of the white paper, the INB expressed appreciation for the work of the Bureau, with the support of the Secretariat, in providing a good basis for discussions. Several preliminary suggestions were provided on how to improve the document, of which the Bureau took note.

8. The INB agreed that, as a way forward, the draft annotated outline would be circulated to all Member States and relevant stakeholders and would form the basis of discussions at a continuation of the second resumed session of its first meeting from 15 to 17 June 2022. In that regard, the INB agreed to reschedule both the second round of public hearings and the potential work of the INB subgroups until a later date. Relevant stakeholders included in Annexes A–D of document A/INB/1/7 Rev.1 would be invited to provide their comments on the draft annotated outline on 15 June 2022, with Member States following those discussions. Member States would then further discuss the draft annotated outline on 16 and 17 June, with a view to collecting inputs and not entering into negotiations at that time. Member States would also be invited to provide additional written comments via email by Friday 24 June 2022. The Bureau would further develop the draft annotated outline based on inputs received with a view to providing a working draft based on progress achieved to the INB at its second meeting, with publication of the document expected by 11 July 2022.

9. The Secretariat gave a short presentation on agenda item 5: Secretariat information paper on the provisions of the WHO Constitution under which the instrument could be adopted.

10. Noting the submissions provided up to the date of the meeting, the INB agreed to an open-ended process with an initial two-week extension for Member States to provide their inputs with respect to agenda item 6: Proposals from Member States of entities to be included in Annex E of document A/INB/1/7 Rev.1, for consideration and agreement. The extension would facilitate further outreach and ensure greater diversity, inclusion and regional representation for Annex E proposals. The INB noted the implications of a potential long list and Member States were encouraged to continue to use domestic processes to reach out to all relevant stakeholders at the national level.

11. The INB resumed its discussions from 15 to 16 June 2022. Relevant stakeholders provided their verbal contributions on the draft annotated outline on 15 June. The INB agreed to provide relevant stakeholders with the opportunity to provide additional written comments via email by 24 June 2022. Member States discussed further the draft annotated outline and provided suggestions and inputs for the Bureau to take into account in developing a working draft. The INB decided that its second meeting to be held from 18 to 22 July 2022 should be publicly webcast, on the understanding that the INB could proceed into a private session as necessary.

12. The INB considered and adopted its report and the Co-Chairs closed the meeting.

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