The World Together: Strengthening Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response – INB

Developing the zero draft

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Zero draft of the WHO CA+ for the consideration of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body at its fourth meeting

WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (“WHO CA+”)
“...INB shall determine an inclusive Member State led process, to be facilitated by the co-chairs and vice-chairs, to first identify the substantive elements of the instrument and to then begin the development of a working draft to be presented, on the basis of progress achieved, for the consideration of the INB at its second meeting, to be held no later than 1 August 2022, at the end of which the INB will identify the provision of the WHO Constitution under which the instrument should be adopted...”
Zero draft is without prejudice to the position of any delegation and follows the principle that “nothing is agreed until everything is agreed”
Methodology and approach

• Conceptual zero draft A/INB/3/3 (December 2022) is the basis for the work.

• Developing the zero draft was informed by:
  ➢ INB3 interventions, and
  ➢ Existing international instruments of Member States, particularly within the WHO framework.

• Comprehensive section by section review, for example:
  ➢ Reorganized to make the flow better.
  ➢ Consolidated overlaps and repetitions.
  ➢ Added select definitions/terms identified by MS as essential for the discussion.
  ➢ Revised terminology: “Pandemic-related products” reflects the broader scope of these products – that is, they are beyond “response”.
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- Forty-nine preambular paragraphs
- Eight chapters
- Eighteen guiding principles
- Thirty-Eight Articles
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Proposed modalities for INB4 and INB5
“Integrated” approach to INB4 and INB5

- Given the short time frame between INB4 (27 Feb - 3 Mar) and INB5 (3-6 Apr), it is proposed to consider these two meetings as an integrated “set”.

- The Zero Draft be addressed:
  - through a “first reading” at INB4, in plenary (webcast);
  - input from relevant stakeholders; and
  - Drafting Group during INB4 and INB5.

- The Drafting Group meetings:
  - The text of each chapter displayed on screen;
  - Proposed deletions shown by brackets, additions by underlined text, and alterations by both;
  - Such changes could show the delegation making the proposal; and
  - “Consensus” text/compromise solutions (should they emerge in the Drafting Group), will also be displayed.
### Proposed Drafting Group allocation of chapters between INB4 and INB5

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This approach will enable the INB to focus its discussions thematically and divide the work reasonably.

As noted in footnote 1 of the Zero Draft, the Bureau proposes that the preambular paragraphs be discussed at the appropriate point in the negotiations, which the Bureau expects would occur at a time after INB5.
INB may request Bureau to prepare First Draft of WHO CA+, with Secretariat support:

- Comments and discussions received during INB4, INB5, and the relevant stakeholder briefing.
- The First Draft would constitute a “Bureau’s Text” for the Drafting Group meeting (12-16 June 2023).
- To be understood as not prejudicing the position of any Member State, and based on the principle that “nothing is agreed until everything is agreed”.
