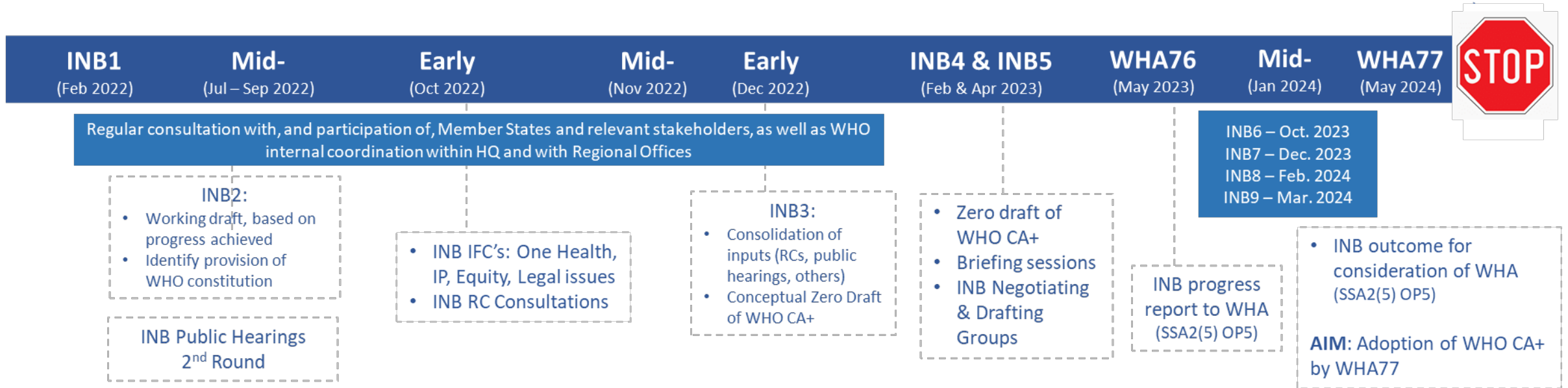




Update on the INB Process and outcomes of the Fourth Meeting

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Timeline of INB Process



Zero draft is without prejudice to the position of any delegation and follows the principle that “*nothing is agreed until everything is agreed*”

Prior to INB 4

- In accordance with what was agreed at INB3, the Zero Draft was prepared by the Bureau, with the support of the Secretariat, based on the conceptual zero draft and inputs received during the third meeting of the INB, with legal provisions.
- The Zero Draft was released in English on January 31st and in the other WHO languages on February 10th.
- The INB Bureau held two briefing events regarding the zero draft leading up to INB4, one, on 7 February 2023, focused on Member States, and one, on 15 February, focused on relevant stakeholders.
- Bureau of the INB had another meeting with the Bureau of the WGIHR in February.

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INB 4

- Plenary - Proposal by the Bureau regarding modalities for the INB's fourth and fifth meetings, for consideration by the INB.
- Plenary- First reading of the zero draft of the WHO convention, agreement, or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (WHO CA+)
- Drafting Group – Consideration of the Zero Draft: explanation and questions
- Drafting Group – Consideration of the Zero Draft: drafting negotiation
- Plenary – Report of the meeting

Modalities for INB4 and INB5

- Member states supported the modalities proposed by the Bureau for INB4 and INB5, which are considered as an integrated set.
- At INB 4, there would be a first reading of the zero draft, which was intended to allow speakers to make general comments and to enable Member States to confirm that the zero draft would be the basis for commencing text negotiations during INB4.
- Afterwards, text negotiations would take place at the Drafting Group, with participation restricted to Member States, Associate Members, REIOs, as appropriate, and the observer delegations of Palestine and the Holy See.

Modalities for INB4 and INB5

- Given the feedback received during the meeting, Bureau proposed the inclusion of an intermediary step with explanation and questions on the Zero Draft.
- Interest in having intersessional work or briefing on specific topics of the Zero Draft.

First Reading

- Countries agreed that the Zero Draft could be the basis for the beginning of textual negotiations.
- Interest in the relationship between the CA+ and the IHR.
- Diverse perspectives on specific contents:
 - ✓ Equity and its operationalization
 - ✓ “One Health”
 - ✓ Prevention
 - ✓ Climate change
 - ✓ WHO Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing System (PABS)
 - ✓ Common but Differentiated Responsibilities (CBDR)
 - ✓ IP

Way forward

- **Intersessional work:**
 - ✓ Session 1 (Article 6/Article 18) 17 March- 14:30 to 17:30
 - ✓ Session 2 (Article 7) 20 March – 14:30 to 17:30
 - ✓ Session 3 (Article 10) 22 March – 09:00 to 12:00
- **INB 5:**
 - ✓ At the conclusion of INB5, the INB may wish to consider requesting the Bureau, with support from the Secretariat, to prepare the First Draft of the WHO CA+, for consideration of, and continued negotiation by the INB at the Drafting Group meeting of 12-16 June 2023.
- **Written textual proposals:**
 - ✓ Deadline is 14 April 2023.

Explanation and questions

- WHO Secretariat made a presentation explaining the references for text in the zero draft.
- WHO Secretariat also reported its experience with the COVID-19 supply chain and the rationale behind the “Predictable global supply chain and logistics network”. Many Member States raised questions about the establishment and functioning of the network.
- Many other points were raised during the discussion, such as when some provisions would come into force, why specific language was used in certain points, relationship to the IHR, what kind of evaluation and monitoring should be included and how would the PABS work, among many others.

Text Negotiations

- The following articles were covered: Article 1 to Article 4/Principle n. 10, with particular engagement regarding:
 - ✓ 1.1(b) pandemic
 - ✓ 1.1(d) persons in vulnerable situations
 - ✓ 3. Objective
 - ✓ 4 . Guiding principles and rights (title and chapeau)
 - ✓ 4.2 Right to health
 - ✓ 4.3 Sovereignty
 - ✓ 4.4 Equity
 - ✓ 4.5 Solidarity
 - ✓ 4.6 Transparency
 - ✓ 4.8 Common but differentiated responsibilities and capabilities



Thank you!