



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

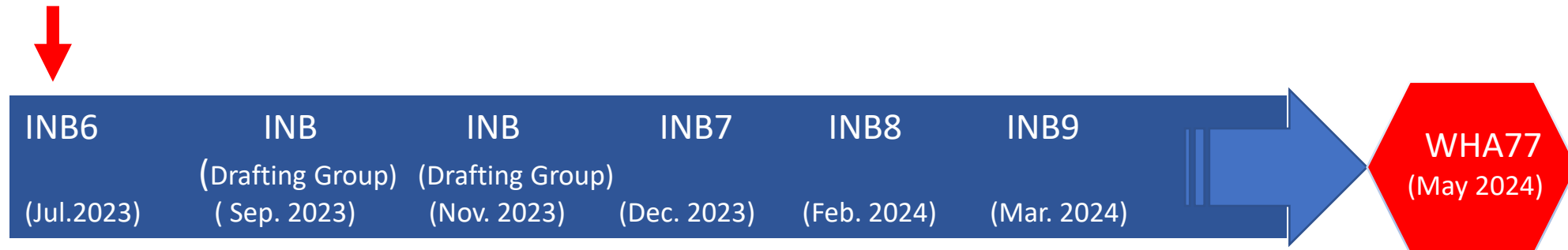
Vice-Chair of the INB: Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes

PAHO Regional Meeting
10 July 2023

Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB)

Mandate: to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, with a view to adoption under Article 19, or under other provisions of the WHO Constitution as may be deemed appropriate by INB.

Timeline



Overview

Zero draft

49 preambular paras

8 chapters

18 guiding principles
& rights

38 articles

Compilation

53+ preambular paras

8 chapters

20+ general principles &
approaches

Additional articles

Bureau's text

— preambular paras

3 chapters

12 general principles
& approaches

41 articles

A concise description of some issues under discussion can be found at the following Lancet article: Addressing inequity: the world needs an ambitious Pandemic Accord ([https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(23\)01369-7/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(23)01369-7/fulltext))

Final part of the INB 5 and Drafting Group meeting

(12-16 June 2023)

- General comments on the Bureau's text at plenary by Member States and relevant stakeholders.
- Participation of WHO specialists.
- Bureau's text as basis for negotiation on the understanding that the INB may continue to refer to the compilation text.
- At Drafting Group, participants engaged and exchanged views on the following articles:
 - 9 (R&D)
 - 10 (Liability risk management)
 - 11 (Co-development and transfer of technology and know-how)
 - 12 (Access and benefit-sharing)
 - 13 (Supply chain and logistics)
 - 14 (Regulatory strengthening)
- Pilot of informal meetings with article 9 (2 sessions).

The INB Bureau proposed that the informal meetings:

- work to facilitate the sharing of views on specific, pre-identified Articles of the Bureau's text, with the aim of exploring issues in greater detail and depth.
- Discussions may also involve ideas for moving toward common understanding including possible text.
- be open to all INB Drafting Group members, and held in a hybrid format.
- not have any decision-making authority, and continue to work on the principle that "nothing is agreed until everything is agreed".
- be facilitated by two interested Member States who will report on progress to the Drafting Group.
- as necessary, may involve on-screen text editing.
- be supported by the WHO Secretariat, including WHO experts.
- be held outside of the formal meetings of the Drafting Group – not simultaneously.

The INB Bureau proposed that the co-facilitators may:

- work to help Member States agree on the objective of the Article or on parts of the Article, including by separating discussions into paragraphs or thematic areas to help focus the discussion.
- begin discussions based on the Bureau's text including inputs from INB5.
- provide debriefs to the INB6 based on progress on text of the Article.

Intersessional informal meetings before INB6

- The INB agreed to the list below for a first set of intersessional informal meetings:
- Article 9 (Research and development) facilitated by Mexico and Norway – 30/06
- Article 12 (Access and benefit-sharing) facilitated by Australia and Ethiopia-26/06, 03/07 and 06/07
- Article 13 (Supply chain and logistics) facilitated by Indonesia and Pakistan -22/06 and 05/07
- Co-facilitators took different approaches to facilitate the discussions (presentation of proposals by proponents, targeted discussions on specific issues and presentation of text proposals, among others).

INB6

(July 17-21)

- Debriefs by the co-facilitators of the intersessional informal meetings of the drafting group in relation to Articles 9, 12 and 13
- Drafting Group will continue consideration of the remaining articles of Chapter II (15 to 19 and then 4 to 8) and thereafter Chapters III and I, as time permits.

Questions on the way forward

- What is your assessment of the informal meetings? Should it continue during the intersessional period? Which articles?
- How do envisage INB6? What results do you expect? What about the articles covered?
- What is your expectation for the Drafting Group meeting to take place between 4-6 September?
- Would a new revised text for negotiation be helpful as a basis for discussion?

INB- WGIHR joint plenary meeting (21 July and 24 July)

- List of topics of common interest to both processes was circulated.
- At July meeting, Member States will be able to exchange views on the objective and scope of the instruments, and the relationship between them.
- Based on demands from Member States, there is an interest in discussing target definitional considerations, including in relation to a public health emergency of international concern and pandemic.

Thank you

*With acknowledgement to the WHO Secretariat,
in particular the INB support team.*