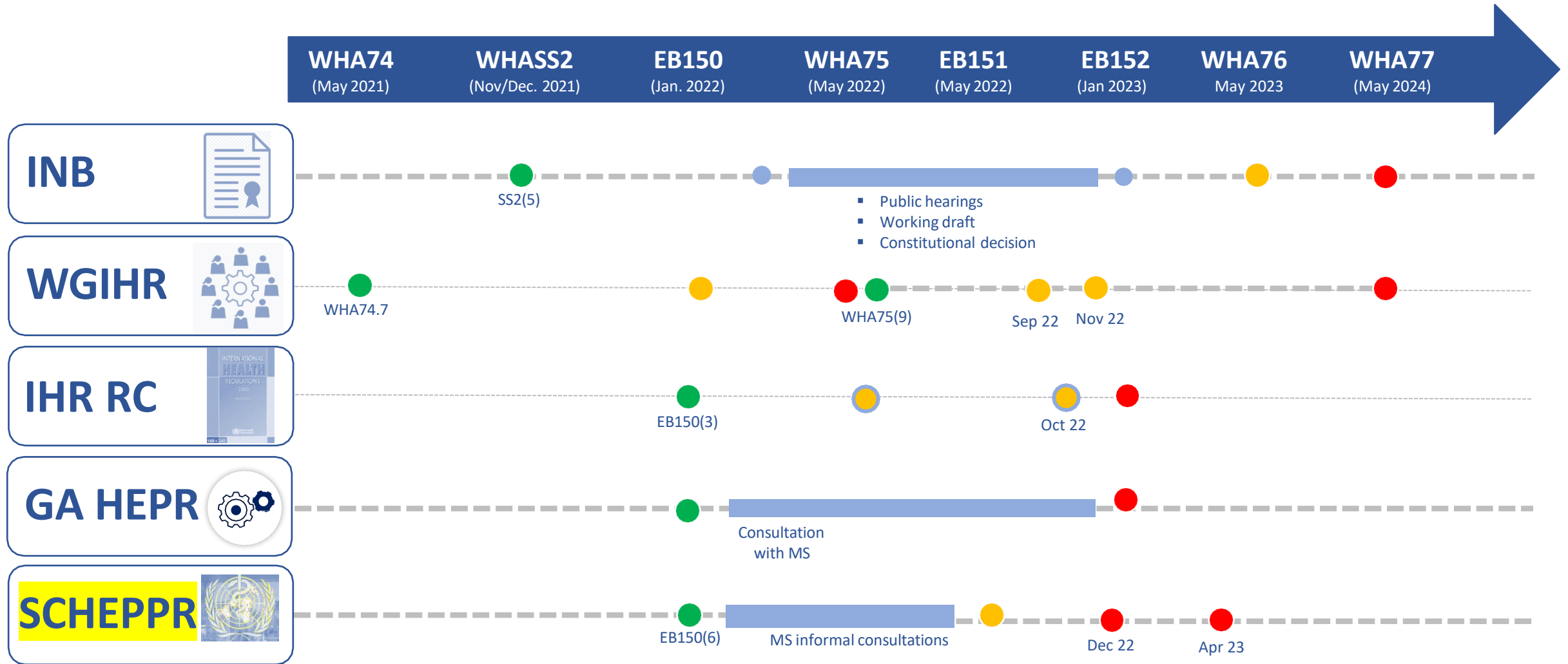


# Update on Member States Workstreams on Health Emergencies

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# Timeline of WHO Member State workstreams



# Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response



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Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response

> EB/SCHEPPR/1

12 December 2022

In the event a PHEIC is determined, provide guidance to the Executive Board and advice to the Director-General, through the Executive Board, on matters regarding health emergency prevention, preparedness and response, and immediate capacities of the World Health Organization Emergencies Programme

Outside a PHEIC, review, provide guidance and make recommendations to the Executive Board regarding the strengthening and oversight of the WHO Health Emergencies Programme and for effective health emergency prevention, preparedness and response.

# First Meeting of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response



World Health Organization  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH EMERGENCY  
PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE  
Agenda item 5

EB/SCHPEPR/1/3  
20 December 2022

## Report of the meeting

1. The first meeting of the Standing Committee on health emergency prevention, preparedness and response ("the Standing Committee") was held virtually on 12 December 2022. The officers of the Standing Committee were appointed, with Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah of Malaysia as Chair and Professor Jérôme Salomon of France as Vice-Chair.
2. The Director-General provided the opening remarks, welcomed all participants and indicated that he looked forward to being advised and supported by the Standing Committee through the Executive Board.
3. The Chair recalled the functions of the Standing Committee as per the terms of reference contained in decision EB151(2). The Secretariat then provided a background presentation on the WHO Health Emergencies Programme, including an overview of ongoing public health emergencies of international concern, and the relevant legislation and oversight mechanisms. A rich discussion followed, including questions and comments from Standing Committee members, as well as from Member States not represented on the Standing Committee. It was stressed that the work of the Standing Committee needed to be complementary and avoid duplication with other relevant processes.
4. Since the Standing Committee shall meet at least twice annually and provide a report of each of its meetings to the Executive Board (as per the terms of reference contained in decision EB151(2)), it was agreed that meetings could be scheduled in March or April to report to the Executive Board meeting convening after the World Health Assembly, and in October or November to report to the Executive Board meeting convening at the start of the calendar year. Preferably, at least one of those two meetings will be convened in person or in hybrid form; the meeting dates will be set by the Chair and the Vice-Chair, in consultation with the Director-General. Efforts will be made to take advantage of existing formal and informal meetings when scheduling the meetings of the Standing Committee. When a need arises, ad hoc emergency meetings need to be called.
5. The Standing Committee discussed the misalignment between the terms of membership of the Standing Committee, because of the timing of nominations in December, vis-à-vis the normal cycle of committee membership that usually aligns with the Health Assembly schedule. The Committee recommended that the Executive Board consider the matter at its next meeting.
6. The Standing Committee considered and adopted its meeting report. The meeting was closed.

## 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was held virtually on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## Members of Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response

### Americas

Mr Nicolas Palanque (Canada)  
Dr Julio César Borba Vargas (Paraguay)

### Africa

Dr Edwin Dikoloti (Botswana)  
Dr Daniel Ngamiye Madandi (Rwanda)

### Eastern Mediterranean

Dr Abdelkrim Meziane Bellefquih (Morocco)  
Dr Qasem Mohammed Buhaibah (Yemen)

### Europe

Dr Søren Brostrøm (Denmark)  
Professor Jérôme Salomon (France)

### South-East Asia

Mr Rajesh Bhushan (India)  
Mr Bonifácio Mau Coli dos Reis (Timor-Leste)

### Western Pacific

Dr Hiroki Nakatani (Japan)  
Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah (Malaysia)

# Second Meeting of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response



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Ref.: C.L.7.2023

The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) presents his compliments to Member States and regional economic integration organizations and has the honour to refer to decision EB151(2) (2022), which established the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response ("the Standing Committee").

Member States are informed that the second meeting of the Standing Committee will be held on 13–14 April 2023 in a hybrid format and will open at 10:00 (CEST) on Thursday, 13 April 2023.

Two persons per delegation can be physically present in the meeting room at WHO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, with other members of the delegation participating through the virtual platform.

To participate in person, INDICO registration will be required using the following link: <https://indico.un.org/e/StandingCommittee2>. Online registration can be initiated from 20 March and no later than 10 April.

To participate virtually, renewed online registration will not be required for the second meeting for Member States who have previously registered delegates for the first meeting of the Standing Committee (12 December 2022). In that regard, WHO will view Member States' credentials submitted during the registration process for the first meeting as remaining valid for the purposes of registration for the second meeting, unless informed otherwise by email to [hgoverningbodies@who.int](mailto:hgoverningbodies@who.int) no later than 10 April. Member States who did not register for the first meeting or who wish to revise their list of delegates may send an email with an indication of the Member State, the full name and email address of the delegate(s) that should be added or removed to [hgoverningbodies@who.int](mailto:hgoverningbodies@who.int) no later than 10 April. Following registration, a personalized link to access the virtual platform will be sent to all delegates in the days preceding the meeting. Registrations sent after the deadline may cause a delay in the receipt of a link to participate in the meeting.

The documentation for the meeting will be published at the following link: <https://apps.who.int/gb/schepp/> as soon as available in the six official languages.

The Director-General of the World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to Member States and regional economic integration organizations the assurance of his highest consideration.

GENEVA, 10 March 2023

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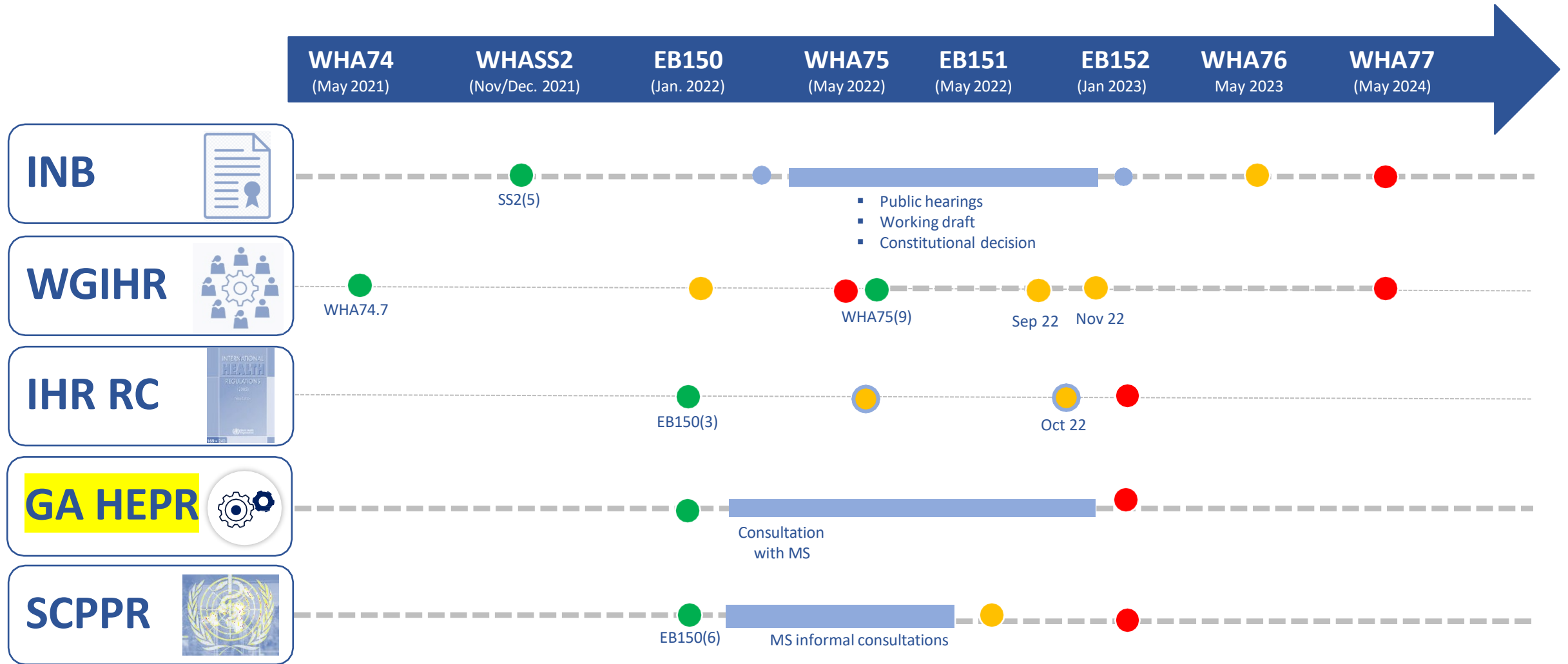
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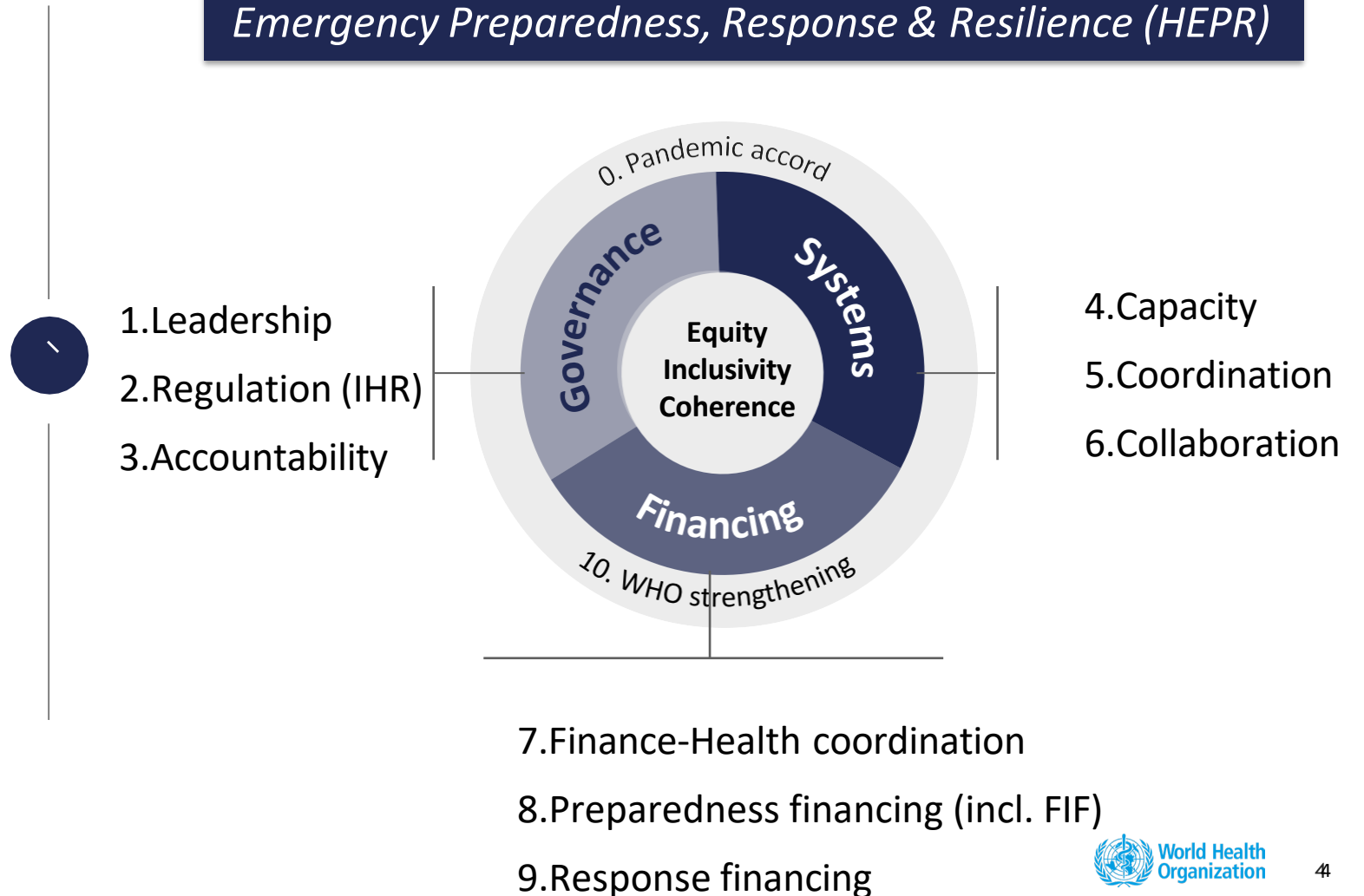
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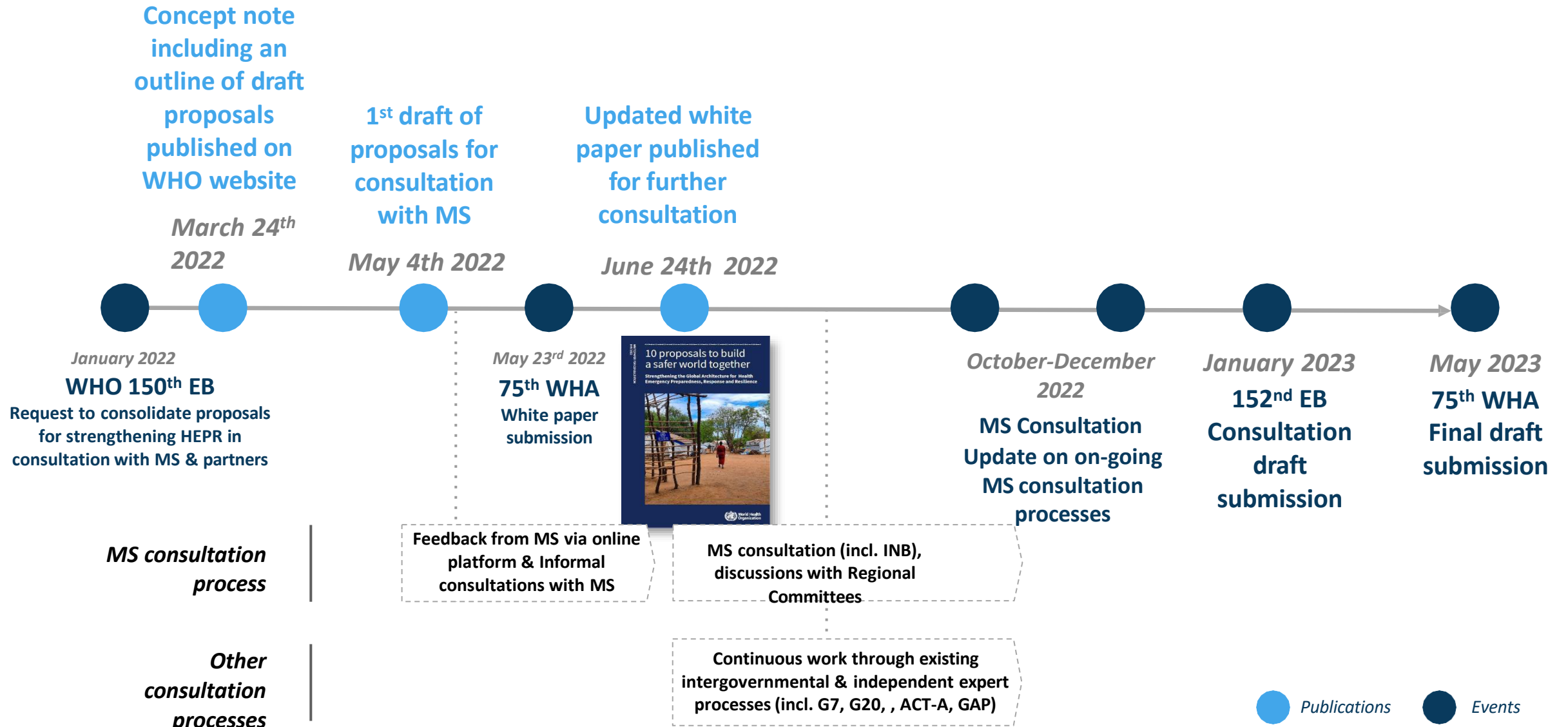


... **developed in consultation** with  
Member States & partners, presented at  
the World Health Assembly May 2022

## Strengthening the Global Architecture for Health Emergency Preparedness, Response & Resilience (HEPR)

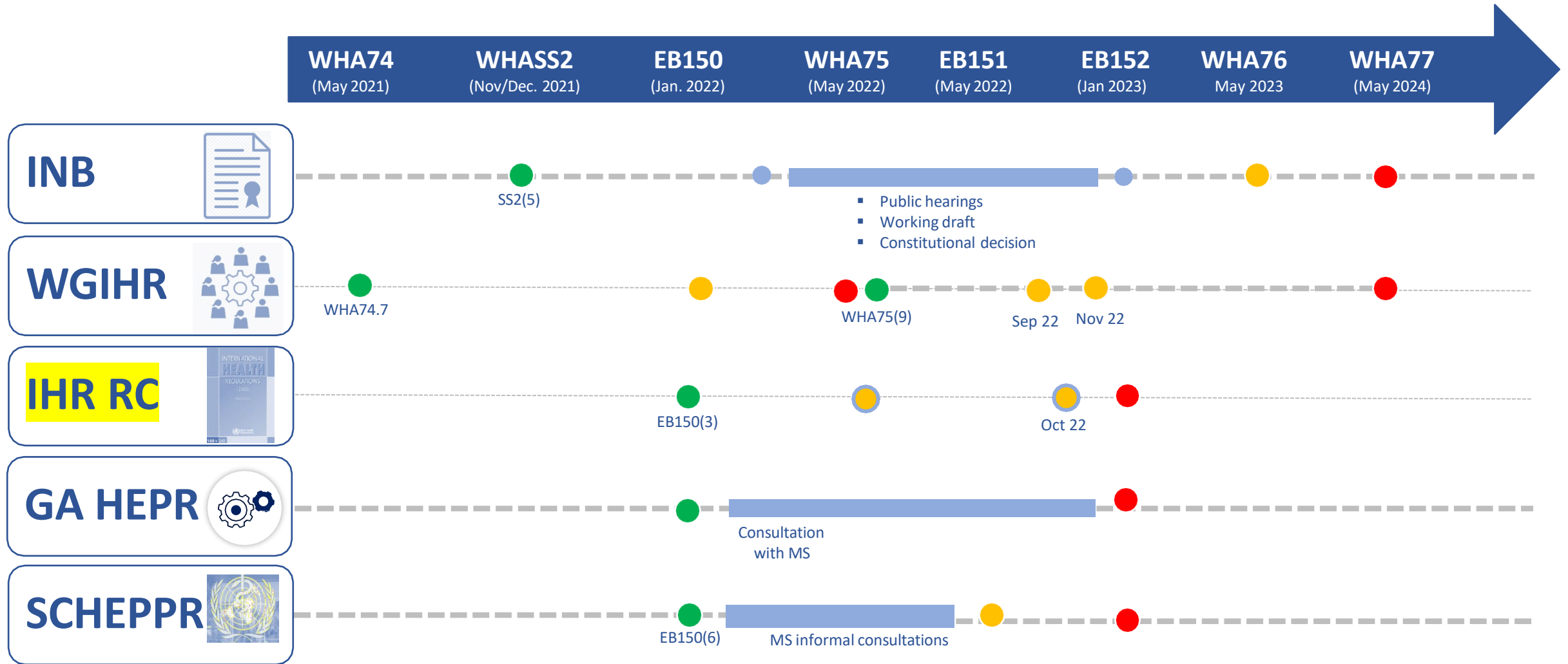


# Consultation process for proposals to strengthen global architecture for HEPR

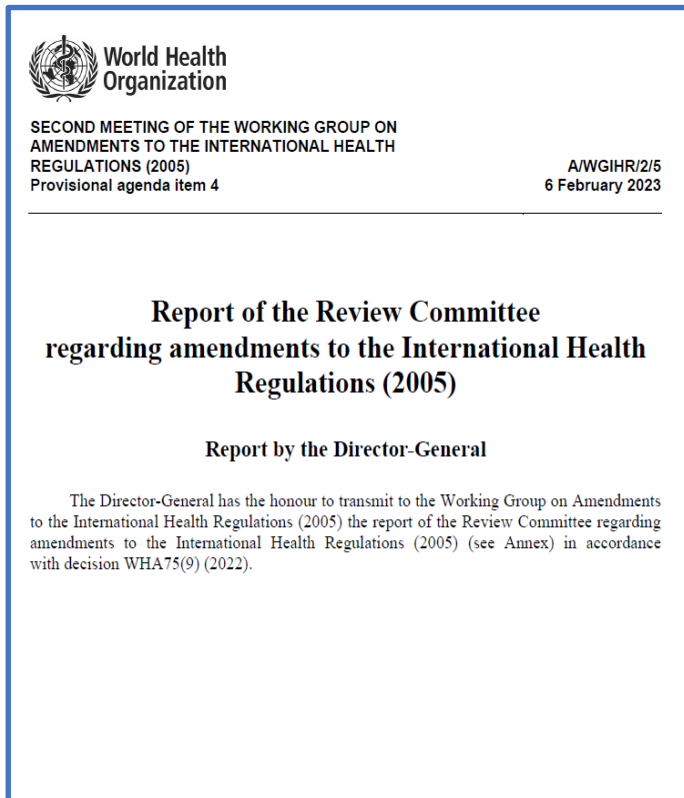




# Timeline of WHO Member State workstreams



# Review Committee (RC) regarding amendments to the IHR



The RC convened by the Director-General (DG) in compliance of 75 World Health Assembly: decision WHA75(9) and consistent with decision EB150(3) (2022), and in accordance with Article 50 of the IHR.

RC submitted its report to the DG in mid-January 2023 in accordance with Article 55 of the Regulations.

DG transmitted to the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) (WGIHR) Contained the review of 307 proposed amendments to the IHR submitted by State Parties

# IHR Review Committee (RC) members

## MEMBERS

Patrick Omwanda AMOTH (Chair), Kenya

**H.E. Ambassador Juan José GÓMEZ-CAMACHO  
(Vice-Chair), Mexico**

Clare WENHAM (Rapporteur), United Kingdom

Mohammad ABDELFAHAT, Egypt

Obijiofor AGINAM, Nigeria

Mohannad AL-NSOUR, Jordan

Lucille BLUMBERG, South Africa

Gian Luca BURCI, Italy, Switzerland

**Cherita DAVIS-MOXEY, The Bahamas**

Andrew FORSYTH, New Zealand

**Lawrence GOSTIN, United States of America**

**Roojin HABIBI, Canada**

George HARINGHUIZEN, The Netherlands

Hani JOKHDAR, Saudi Arabia

Yang LIU, China

Rana SAFDAR, Pakistan

Aalisha SAHU KHAN, Fiji

Sandhya Dilhani SAMARASEKERA, Sri Lanka

Vyacheslav SMOLENSKIY, Russian Federation

Sunita SREEDHARAN, India



**Geneva, Switzerland, 28 November-2 December 2022**

# 16 Member States submitted either individual proposals or on behalf of groups of states – 93 Member States in total

- Armenia
- Bangladesh
- Czech Republic: on behalf of the Member States of the European Union (EU)
- Eswatini: on behalf of the Member States of the WHO African Region
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Namibia
- New Zealand
- Republic of Korea
- Russian Federation: on behalf of the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)
- Switzerland

## **Region of the Americas**

- Brazil
- United States of America
- Uruguay on behalf of the Member States of the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR)

# Proposals for amendments submitted to the WHO Secretariat

Proposals for amendments were submitted for:

- 33 of the 66 articles of the IHR, with 6 new Articles
- 5 of the 9 annexes and a new Annex 2 and new Annex 10

Member States used different styles to identify the proposed amendments

An article-by-article compilation, using a single format to illustrate the proposed amendments, was used by the Review Committee for analysis.

Submissions were shared in all official languages via email with all Member States.



*Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva  
15, Chemin Camille-Vidart  
1202 Geneva – Switzerland*

Nº 343/2022

The Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the World Health Organization and, with reference to decision WHA75(9) of 27 May 2022, has the honor to submit proposed amendments to the Annex 2 of the IHR (2005) on behalf of Brazil.

2. The Permanent Mission also has the honor to inform that Brazil is one of the co-proponents of the amendments submitted by Uruguay on behalf of the Mercosur countries (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay), in accordance with the attached document.

3. The Permanent Mission respectfully requests the Director General of the WHO to communicate the proposed amendments to all State Parties in accordance with decision WHA75(9) and Article 55(2) of the IHR.

The Permanent Mission of Brazil avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the World Health Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 30 September 2022.

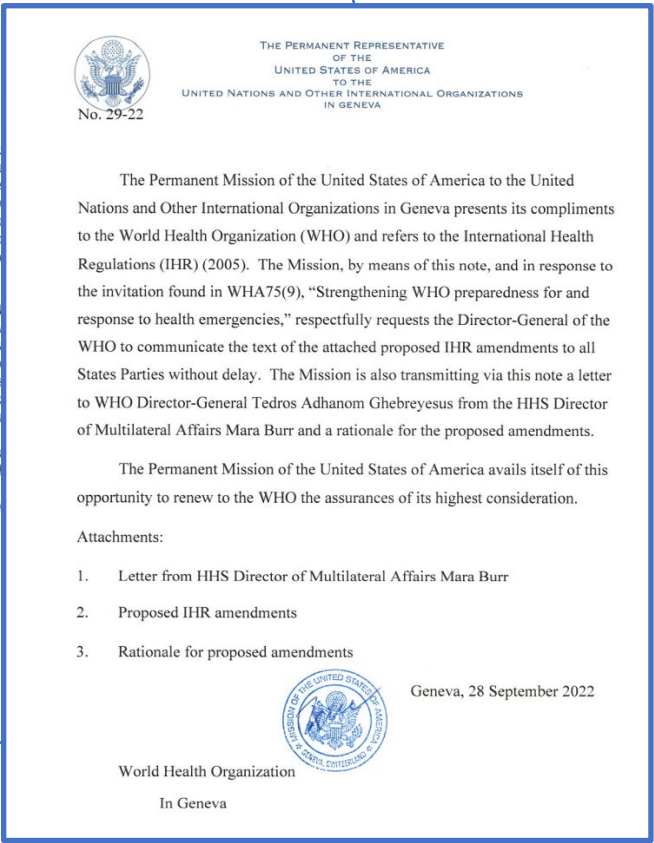
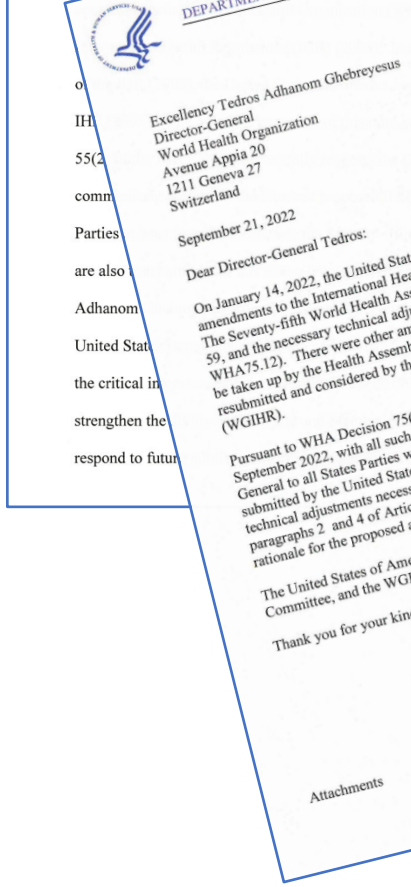
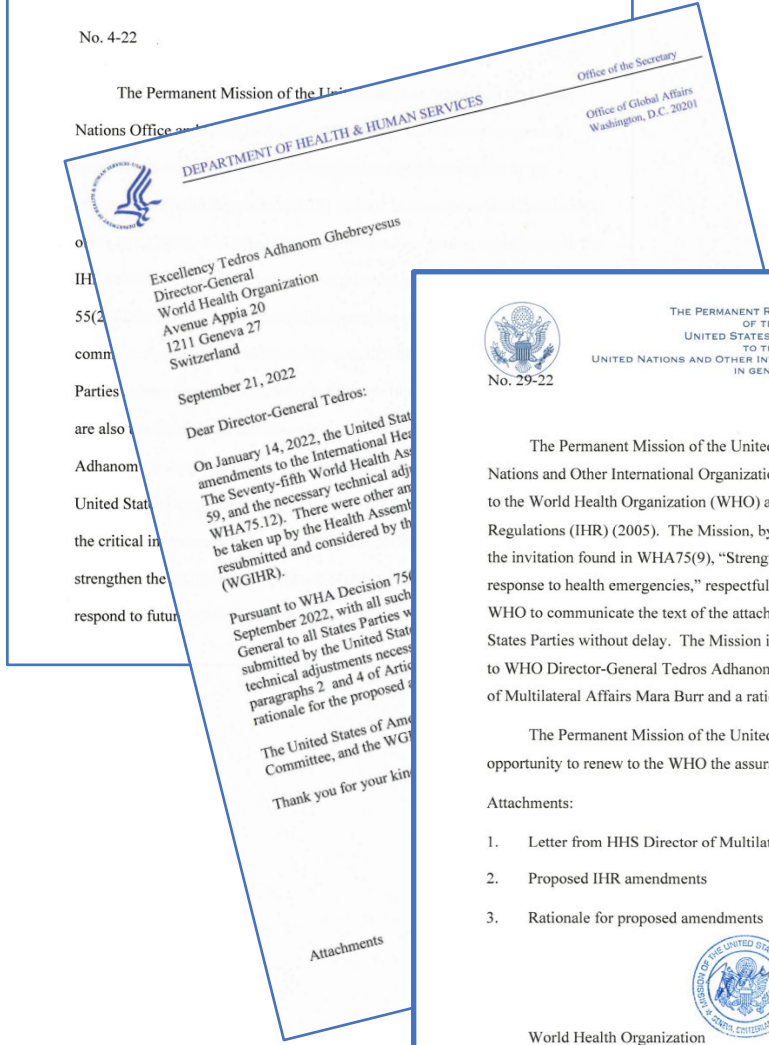
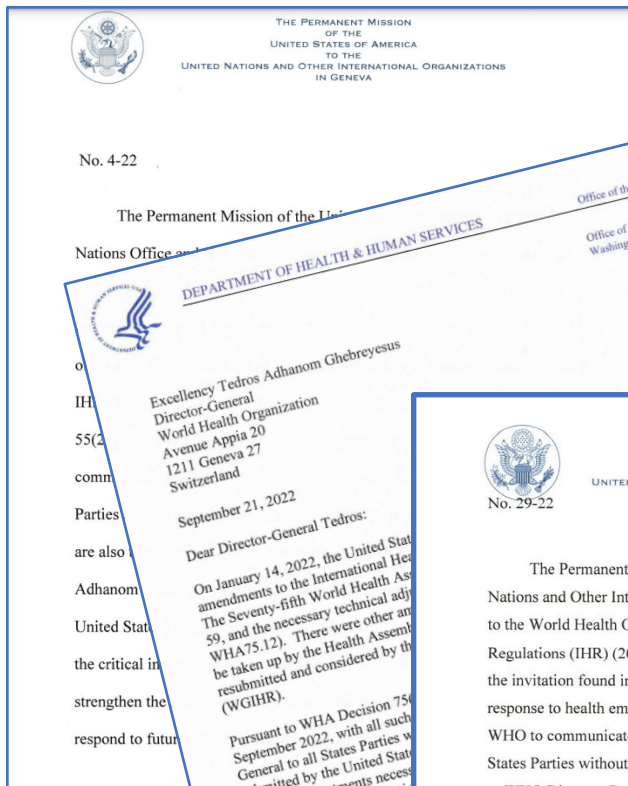


To the  
World Health Organization  
Geneva

# BRAZIL

## Annex 2

# Co-proponents of amendments submitted by Uruguay on behalf of MERCOSUR



# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## Articles

5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 18, 48, 49, 53

# MERCOSUR

## (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay)

Original: español

### MERCOSUR – Setiembre 2022 Propuestas de Enmiendas al RSI 2005

En el marco del proceso de enmiendas al RSI 2005 definido durante la celebración de la 75ª AMS, los Estados Parte del MERCOSUR acuerdan elevar las siguientes propuestas:

#### TÍTULO II - INFORMACIÓN Y RESPUESTA DE SALUD PÚBLICA

##### *Artículo 5 Vigilancia*

##### SUBITEM 4

**4. (Nueva redacción)** – “La OMS recopilará información sobre eventos a través de sus actividades de vigilancia y evaluará, a partir de criterios de evaluación de riesgos actualizados periódicamente y acordados con los Estados Miembros, su potencial de provocar una propagación internacional de enfermedades y su posible interferencia con el tráfico internacional. La información que la OMS reciba en virtud de este párrafo se manejará de conformidad con lo dispuesto en los artículos 11 y 45 cuando proceda”; (Estados miembros de la Unión Económica Euroasiática)”

##### AGREGAR UN APARTADO 5

**5** - “Fortalecer el papel central de las autoridades sanitarias nacionales en el proceso de gestión y articulación con los niveles jerárquicos político, intersectorial, interministerial y multinivel para una vigilancia y respuesta oportuna y coordinada según el enfoque de riesgo internacional de salud pública establecido por el RSI, afianzando el rol central de las autoridades sanitarias nacionales en el proceso de conducción y articulación multinivel”.

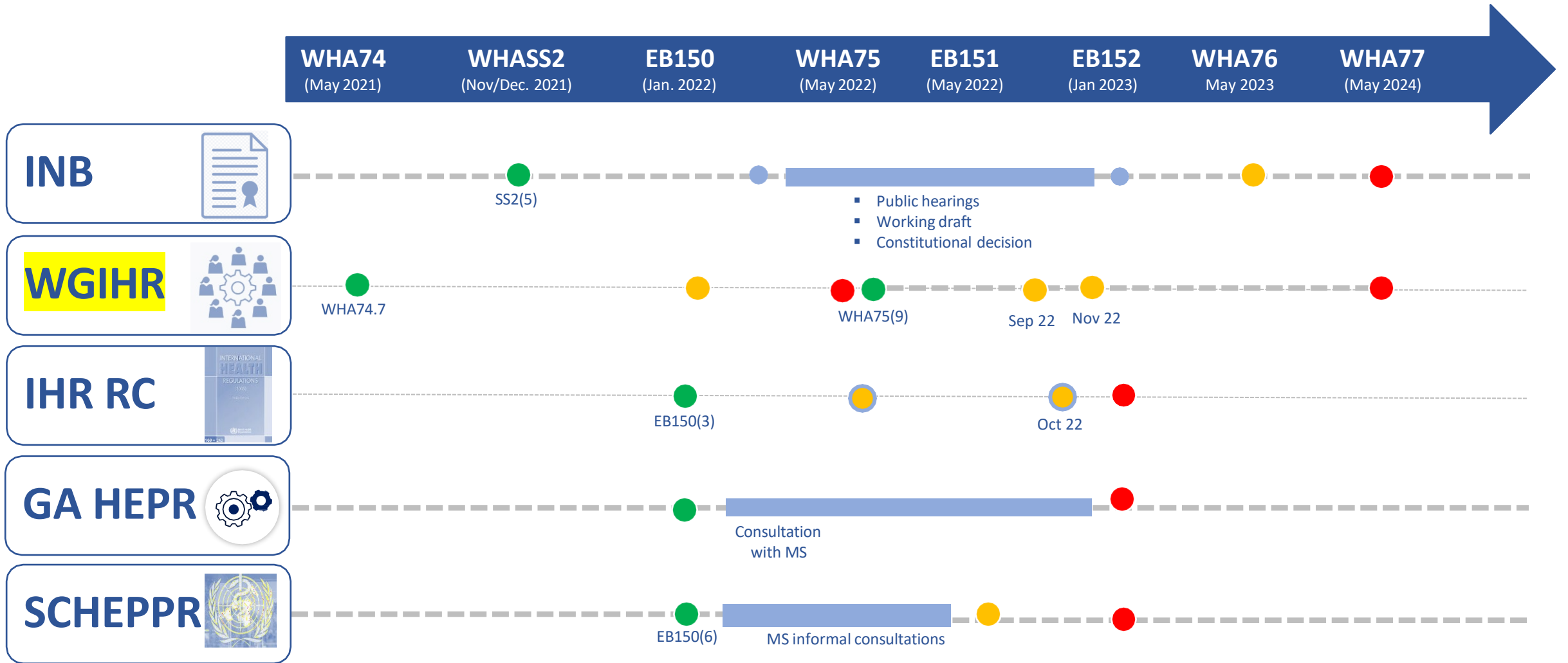
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5, 9, 13, 18, 19, 35, 56

Annexes 3, 6, 8



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# Working Group on IHR Amendments (WGIHR)



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SEVENTY-FIFTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY  
Agenda Item 16.2

WHA75(9)  
27 May 2022

## Strengthening WHO preparedness for and response to health emergencies

The Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly, having considered the report of the Member States Working Group on Strengthening WHO Preparedness and Response to Health Emergencies,<sup>1</sup>

Decided:

- (1) to welcome the report;
- (2) with respect to targeted amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005):
  - (a) to continue the Working Group on Strengthening WHO Preparedness and Response to Health Emergencies, with a revised mandate, including as appropriate and if agreed within each region, the rotation of the Bureau, and name (the “Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005)” (WGIHR)) to work exclusively on consideration of proposed targeted amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005), consistent with decision EB150(3) (2022), for consideration by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly in 2024;
  - (b) to request the Director-General to convene a Review Committee on the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR Review Committee), as early as possible but no later than 1 October 2022, in accordance with Part IX, Chapter III, of the International Health Regulations (2005), in particular Article 50, paragraphs 1(a) and 6, with particular attention to be paid to the fulfilment of the letter and spirit of Article 51, paragraph 2, to make technical recommendations on the proposed amendments referred to in subparagraph (c) below, with a view to informing the work of the WGIHR;
  - (c) to invite proposed amendments to be submitted by 30 September 2022, with all such proposed amendments being communicated by the Director-General to all States Parties without delay;
  - (d) to request the WGIHR to convene its organizational meeting no later than 15 November 2022, and to coordinate with the process of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB) to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, including through regular coordination between the two Bureaus and alignment of meeting schedules and workplans, as both the International Health Regulations (2005) and the new instrument are expected to play central roles in pandemic prevention, preparedness and response in the future;

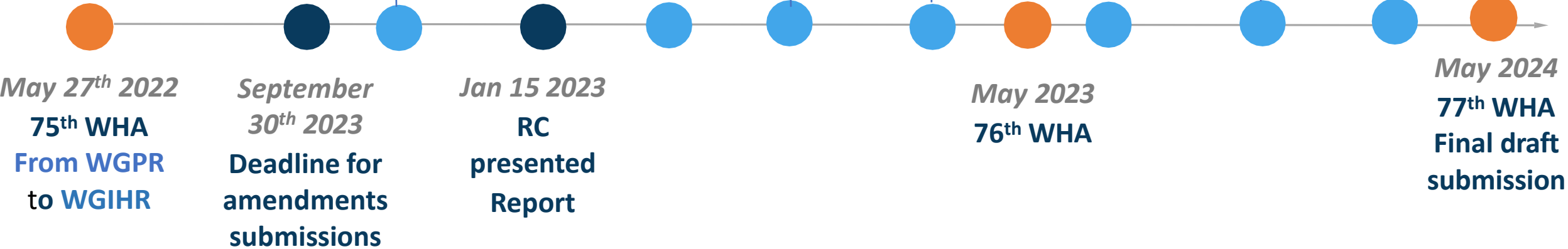
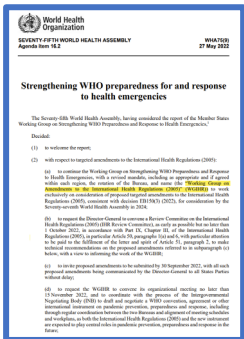
The 75th World Health Assembly adopted the Decision [WHA75\(9\)](#)

- Continuing the WGPR with a revised mandate and name (“Working Group on IHR amendments” (WGIHR) to **work exclusively on consideration of proposed IHR targeted amendments, with a view to their adoption by consensus at the 77th World Health Assembly.**

- Members:

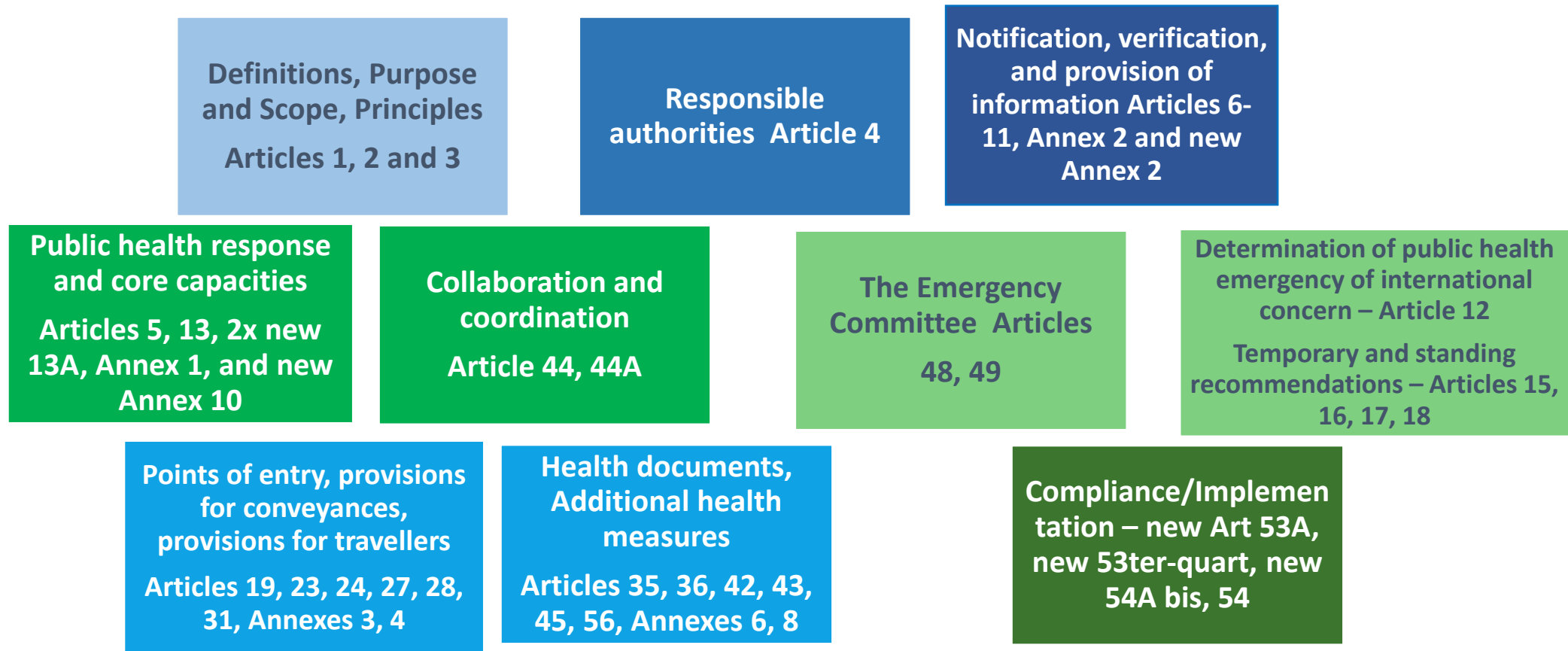
Co-Chairs: Dr Abdullah Asiri - Saudi Arabia & Dr Ashley Bloomfield - New Zealand. Vice-Chairs: Dr Sultani Matendechero - Kenya, **Mr Colin McIff – United States of America**, Ambassador François Rivasseau - France, and Ambassador Grata Endah Werdaningtyas - Indonesia.

# Working Group on the IHR amendments process



- Meetings
- Events
- WHA

# BUREAU'S PROPOSAL FOR THE POTENTIAL GROUPING OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS



# Working Group on IHR Amendments (WGIHR)

**AWGIHR/1**

Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005)  
14-15 November 2022

- [AWGIHR/1/1](#)  
Provisional agenda
- [AWGIHR/1/2](#)  
Draft programme of work
- [AWGIHR/1/3](#)  
Proposed method of work
- [AWGIHR/1/4](#)  
Method of work
- [AWGIHR/1/5](#)  
Report of the first meeting of the Working Group

**AWGIHR/2**

Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005)  
20–24 February 2023

- [AWGIHR/2/1](#)  
Provisional agenda
- [AWGIHR/2/2](#)  
Draft programme of work
- [AWGIHR/2/3](#)  
Proposed modalities of engagement for relevant stakeholders
- [AWGIHR/2/4](#)  
Provisional WGIHR timeline 2022–2024
- [AWGIHR/2/5](#)  
Report of the Review Committee regarding amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005)
- [AWGIHR/2/6](#)  
Proposed amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) submitted in accordance with decision WHA75(9) (2022)
- [AWGIHR/2/7](#)  
Article-by-Article compilation of proposed amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) submitted in accordance with decision WHA75(9) (2022)
- [AWGIHR/2/8](#)  
Proposal by the Bureau regarding modalities for consideration of the proposed amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005)

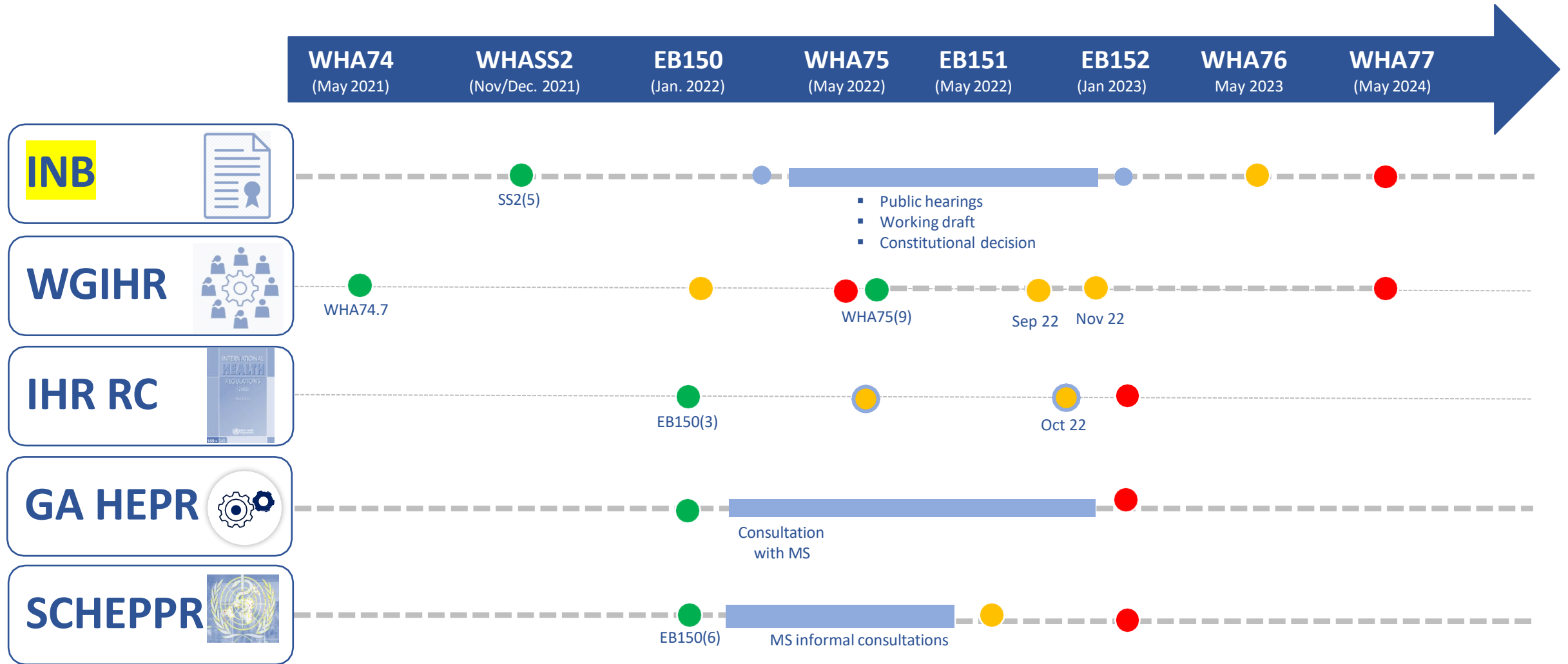
## Coordination between 2 Bureaus: INB and WGIHR

2 joint meetings

1 joint briefing session with the Review Committee

1 joint briefing by the Secretariat on relevant Secretariat-led initiatives

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# Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB)

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## Intergovernmental Negotiating Body

Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response

> <b>A/INB/4</b> 27 February - 3 March 2023	> <b>A/INB/3</b> 5-7 December 2022
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- The INB Bureau was established by Decision SSA2(5) to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement, or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response.
- The final report will be presented at WHA77 (2024)
- The INB held public hearings
- Released a working draft for the consideration of the INB at its second meeting.

# Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB)

- Published a zero draft for the consideration of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body at its third meeting **5-7 December 2022**.



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> Notes for the Record for the Bureau meetings

> Read more about the INB Process

> INB Public hearings

> Informal, focused consultations



**THIRD MEETING OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING BODY TO DRAFT AND NEGOTIATE A WHO CONVENTION, AGREEMENT OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT ON PANDEMIC PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE**  
Provisional agenda item 2

**A/INB/3/3**  
**25 November 2022**

## Conceptual zero draft for the consideration of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body at its third meeting

This conceptual zero draft was developed by the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body and reflects input from five sources, as set out in the section on page 3 entitled "Background, Methodology and Approach". The conceptual zero draft is presented as a bridge between the working draft and the future zero draft of the WHO CA+. It is not a draft of the WHO CA+.

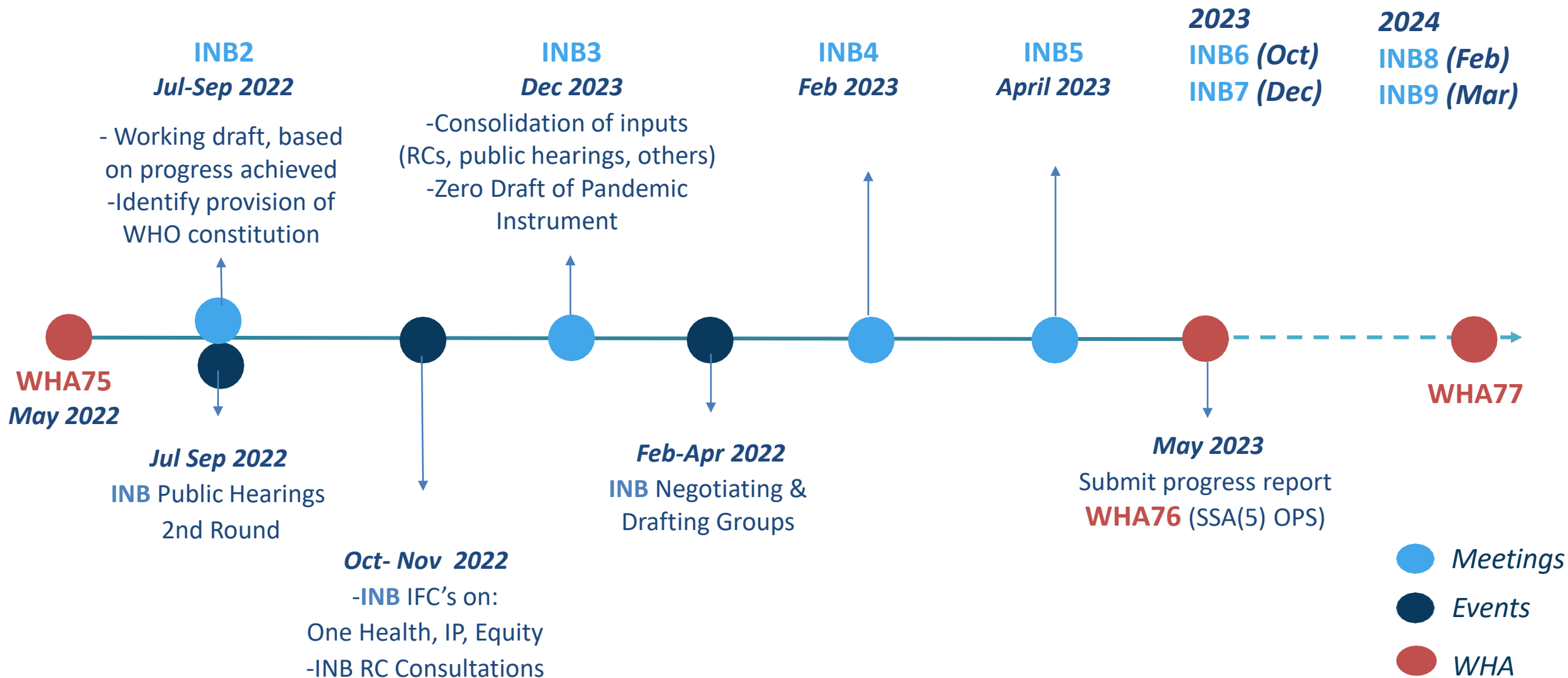


# Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB)



INB Bureau members: 6 delegates, Co-Chairs: Mr Roland Driecé - Netherlands & Ms Precious Matsoso -South Africa. 1 vice-chair from each of the WHO regions:  
**Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes – Brazil, vice-chair for the Americas.**

# Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB)



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