

Update on Member States workstreams on health emergencies

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Timeline of WHO Member State workstreams

1. Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response
2. Working Group on IHR Amendments (WGIHR)
3. Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB)

1. Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response



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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

1st meeting was held virtually on December 12th, 2022

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



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

EB/S/CHPEPPR/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.

Americas

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

Africa

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

Eastern Mediterranean

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

Europe

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

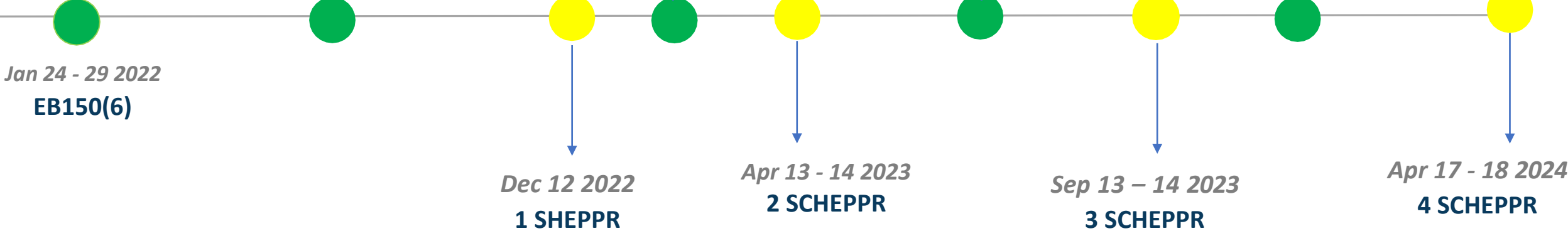
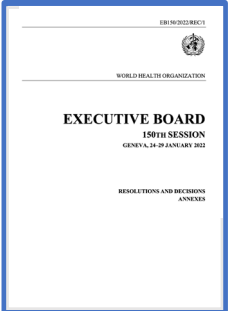
South-East Asia

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

Western Pacific

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

Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (SCHEPPR)



- Executive Board (EB)
- SCHEPPR Meetings

2. Working Group on IHR Amendments (WGIHR)



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Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005)

- > A/WGIHR/5
2-6 October 2023
- > A/WGIHR/4
24-28 July 2023
- > A/WGIHR/3
17-20 April 2023
- > A/WGIHR/2
20-24 February 2023
- > A/WGIHR/1
14-15 November 2022

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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,¹

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\(9\)](#)

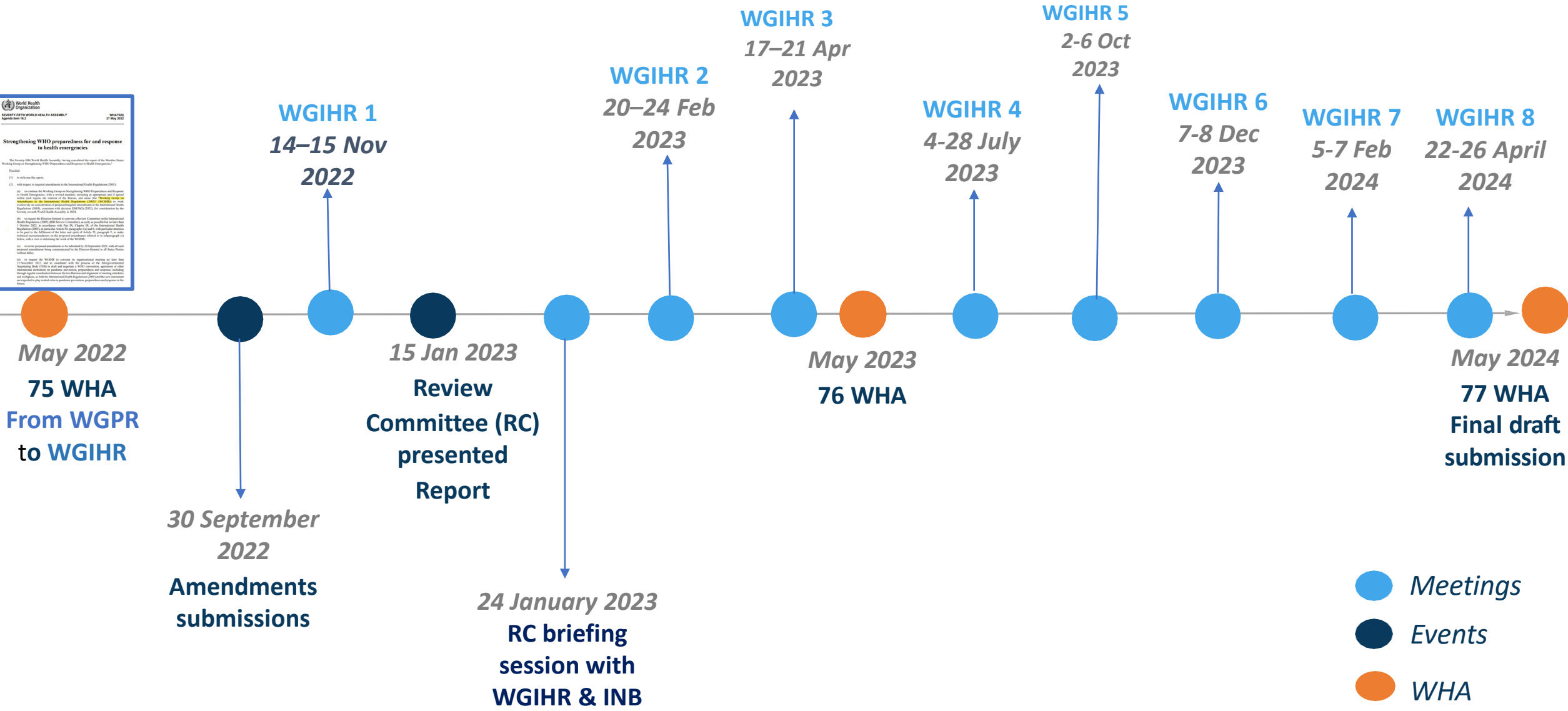
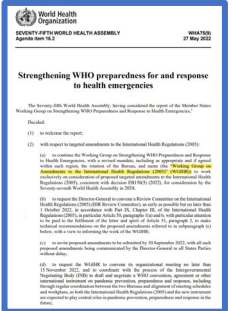
- Continuing the WGPR with a revised mandate and name (“Working Group on IHR amendments” (WGIHR) to **work exclusively on consideration of proposed IHR targeted amendments, with a view to their adoption by consensus at the 77th World Health Assembly.**

- Members:

Co-Chairs: Dr Abdullah Asiri - Saudi Arabia & Dr Ashley Bloomfield - New Zealand

Vice-Chairs: Dr Sultani Matendechero - Kenya, **Mr Colin McIff - USA**, 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

Definitions, Purpose and Scope, Principles
Articles 1, 2 and 3

Responsible authorities
Article 4

Notification, verification, and provision of information
Articles 6-11, Annex 2 and new Annex 2

Public health response and core capacities
Articles 5, 13, 2x new 13A, Annex 1, and new Annex 10

Collaboration and coordination
Article 44, 44A

The Emergency Committee
Articles 48, 49

Determination of public health emergency of international concern – Article 12
Temporary and standing recommendations – Articles 15, 16, 17, 18

Points of entry, provisions for conveyances, provisions for travellers
Articles 19, 23, 24, 27, 28, 31, Annexes 3, 4

Health documents, Additional health measures
Articles 35, 36, 42, 43, 45, 56, Annexes 6, 8

Compliance/Implementation – new Art 53A, new 53ter-quart, new 54A bis, 54

3. 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

> A/INB/7 6-10 November 2023	> A/INB/DG 4-6 September 2023 and 22 September 2023
> A/INB/6 17-21 July 2023	> A/INB/5 (Resumed session and drafting group) 12-16 June 2023
> A/INB/5 3-6 April 2023	> A/INB/4 27 February - 3 March 2023
> A/INB/3 5-7 December 2022	> A/INB/2 18-21 July 2022
> A/INB/1 (Second resumed session) 6-8 June 2022 15-17 June 2022	> A/INB/1 (First resumed session) 14-15 March 2022
> A/INB/1 24 February 2022	

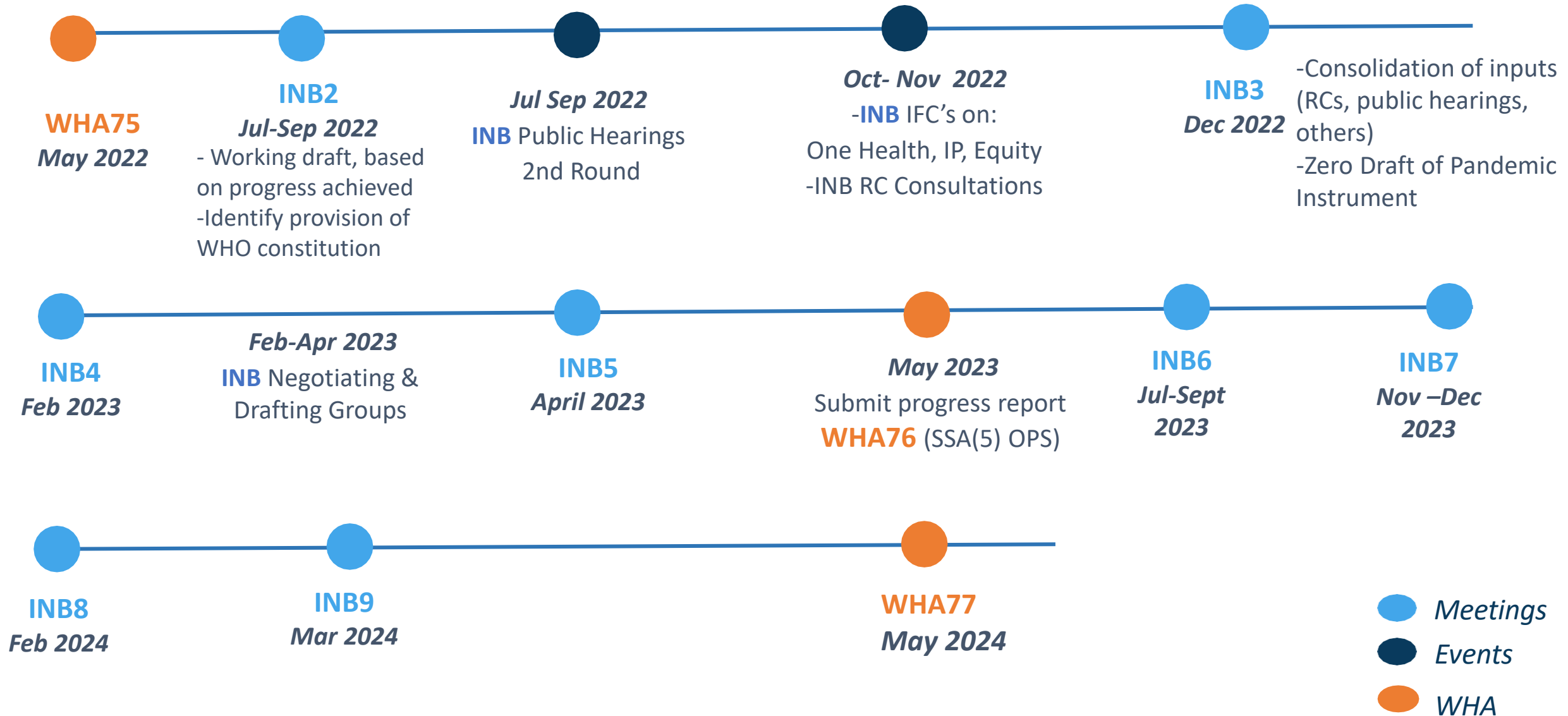
Established by Decision SSA2(5) to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement, or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response.

INB Bureau members:

Co-Chairs: Mr Roland Driecce of the Netherlands and Ms Precious Matsoso of South Africa

Vice-Chairs: **Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes of Brazil**, Mr Ahmed Soliman of Egypt, Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien of Thailand and Mr Kazuho Taguchi of Japan.

Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB)



Countries set out way forward for continued negotiations on global agreement on pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response



PAHO brings together health authorities in the Americas to discuss future pandemic international instrument

14 Mar 2023



Washington, DC, March 14, 2023 (PAHO)- A preliminary draft for a new convention, agreement, or other international health instrument to strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness and response was the focus of a regional meeting facilitated by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) today in Washington, DC.

Regional Meeting on the Intergovernmental Negotiation Body (INB)

Washington, D.C. | 14 March 2023

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Regional Meeting on the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB) and Amendments to the International Health Regulations (WGIHR) - 10-12 July 2023. Washington, D.C.

Negotiating Text of the WHO Pandemic Agreement



SEVENTH 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 x

A/INB/7/x
October 2023

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Negotiating Text of the WHO convention, agreement or other international
instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response
(WHO Pandemic Agreement)

Advanced unedited version - 16 October 2023

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Joint meetings of the INB and WGIHR

2 June 2023, 15:30hr

List of issues and topics that appear in the Bureau's Text for the Pandemic accord and the compilation of proposed amendments to the IHR (2005)

This document is provided by the Bureaux of the INB and WGIHR to support discussions during the 5 June virtual informal meeting of Member States, in preparation for the joint INB-WGIHR plenary meeting to be held on 21 and 24 July 2023.

It identifies a non-exhaustive list of issues/topics that have been addressed both in the INB and WGIHR processes. It does not purport to propose the allocation of issues or topics to either process.

For each issue/topic, the table below identifies relevant articles from the Bureau's text of the WHO CA+ (document A/INB/5/XX) and the Article-by-Article Compilation of Proposed Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) (document [A/WGIHR/2/7](#)) which address the issue/topic.



Dr Michael Ryan, Executive Director, WHO Health Emergencies Programme, speaks during the joint meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB) for a WHO instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response and the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005). © WHO / Pierre Albouy

Issue/topic	Relevant article(s) of the Bureau's text of the WHO CA+	Relevant article(s) of the Article-by-Article Compilation of Proposed Amendments to the IHR (2005)
1. Equity	Article 3 General principles and approaches Chapter II The world together equitably	Article 3 Principles
2. Common but differentiated responsibilities	Article 3 General principles and approaches Article 17 Implementation, acknowledging differences in levels of development	Article 3 Principles
3. Surveillance (Capacities for surveillance, laboratory capacities for genomic sequencing)	Article 4 Pandemic prevention and public health surveillance Article 6 Preparedness, readiness and resilience	Article 5 Surveillance Annex 1A Core capacity requirements for surveillance and response
4. Review and Reporting	Article 8 Preparedness monitoring and functional reviews Article 20 Conference of Parties Article 21 Periodic Reports to the Conference of the Parties Article 22 Implementation and Compliance Committee	Article 54 Reporting and review New Articles 53A Establishment of an Implementation Committee New Article 53bis-quarter The Compliance Committee New Article 54 bis Implementation
5. Access to health products	Article 11 Co-development and transfer of technology and know-how	NEW Article 13A WHO Led International Public Health Response

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