

## **Terms of participation in the second round of public hearings regarding a new international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response**

These Terms address your participation or other activities relating to the public hearings of the WHO Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (the INB) due to take place on 29–30 September 2022.

Please read these Terms carefully. By participating in the hearings or indicating your interest to do so, you are deemed to have agreed to these Terms. Throughout these Terms, the terms “you” and “your” refer to both you as an individual, and, if applicable, any entity or organization you represent or are affiliated with, and you confirm that you are authorized to act on behalf of that organization.

In the event that WHO decides that your conduct or participation in the public hearings is or would be inconsistent with these Terms, or for any reasonable basis as decided by WHO, WHO may, at its sole discretion, and without any notice, recourse, or remedy to you, elect to remove you from participation in the public hearings and/or remove or redact any contribution(s) you may have made to the public hearings and decline to maintain any contribution(s) on the WHO website.

### **Conduct of your participation**

In your video contribution (and the transcript thereof), your behaviour and contribution must:

- be relevant to the subject matter of the public hearings;
- refrain from making any statements unrelated to the topic at hand; and
- be presented in a respectful manner, free of any profanity, visual inappropriateness, ad hominem attacks, vulgarity, or other inappropriate language.

If your participation does not conform with these requirements, as determined solely by WHO, the participation will not be receivable. This means that WHO may elect not to post your video contribution.

### **Full disclosure of all affiliations**

In participating in the public hearings, you must declare the entity you represent and any other affiliations, engagement, or roles relevant to the public hearings or to WHO, in light of its mandate.

### **No right to participate in the public hearings**

You understand that WHO is not able to ensure that all interested parties will be able to participate in the public hearings, and that thus WHO does not make any commitment or undertaking to allow you to participate in the public hearings.

**Terms regarding the online registration**

The provision of a valid ID card or other equivalent document during the online registration is merely intended to ensure proof of identity and not for validation of nationality purposes. WHO will not provide any such ID card or other equivalent document to any third party. WHO will solely store your ID card for the duration of the public hearings, i.e. until 30 September 2022, after which ID cards or other equivalent document submitted during the online registration will be erased through secure methods.

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The time limit for each video contribution for the hearings is 1.5 minutes. Video contributions longer than 1.5 minutes may not be considered for inclusion in the public hearings or maintained and made available for public viewing on the WHO website. For reference, this is a maximum of approximately 175 words of written text delivered at a speed that allows simultaneous interpretation, as more fully described below.

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### **Disclaimers and other matters**

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### **Questions**

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