



**Statement by Pakistan at the fourth session of the Intergovernmental
Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or
other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness, and
response (INB4)**

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Thank you, Co-Chair

We commend the INB bureau for its leadership and thank it for providing the Zero Draft within the agreed timeline.

This Draft text provides for a good basis to guide our future discussions.

We wish to reiterate that in its design and content, the draft text should embed the principles of Equity, Sovereignty, International Cooperation, Solidarity, and Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities.

We welcome the focus on technology transfer and know-how, access and benefit sharing, research and development, and establishment of a global supply chain network. These are all important measures to achieve the objective of this instrument i.e., prevent future pandemics and save lives. However, language regarding their operationalization is ambiguous and needs further deliberation.

We recognize the need for having both aspirations and commitments in such an instrument, but we certainly find more of the former than the latter in the current text. There needs to be a more clear balance in having more clear binding commitments when it comes to making Equity a reality.

We also wish to emphasize that having a financing mechanism to handle future pandemics built within the instrument is of utmost significance. Current text falls short of instituting any such mechanism within the proposed instrument.

This need goes in line with our position that all countries should be well-equipped to combat the future health emergencies and needs of developing countries in this regard should be taken into account.

Respected Co-Chair

The zero draft in its current form has some gaps which would need to be covered as we go along in our discussions on the understanding that nothing is agreed until everything is agreed.

We assure you full cooperation of our delegation in this important endeavor.

Thank you.