



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

In 2020, a pandemic legal instrument was mandated to deliver on equitable access. Political posturing and non-transparency have been the hallmark of the INB negotiations. A completely sidelined civil society could only watch as the most relevant equity-related articles were being pushed around and erased.

We demand: Legally binding obligations on equitable access; legally binding language for a PABS system where benefits sharing is equally important as pathogen access; a financing mechanism that is sustainable and accountable to WHO MS; mechanisms to safeguard against the commodification and financialisation of health systems under the guise of PPR; and recognition of the importance of meaningful community involvement and leadership in developing national pandemic responses.

We demand that process and substance be prioritised over the timeframe; and urge the negotiations to be extended with adequate engagement of civil society.

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