



PHM statement

Item 16.2: Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.

The “World Together” decision called on MS to “prioritize equity” and “solidarity with all people and countries”. **However, equity-promoting measures** in the instrument are mostly **voluntary**.

There are no binding obligations on technology transfer, support for geographically diversified manufacturing, debt relief during pandemics, and post-trial access and benefit sharing. *The principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, and the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress are not explicitly recognised.*

The text includes **no** manufacturer commitments to WHO during outbreaks, thus risking escalation of outbreaks to PHEICs and pandemics. The highly qualified and voluntary language on manufacturer commitments **is disappointing**.

As Covid-19 and mpox showed, **voluntary language does not translate** into early and equitable access to VTDs. **We urge the IGWG to develop a PABS instrument that does not uncouple access to pathogens from benefit sharing measures.**