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Morgen verder met de onderhandeling, van 11-13uur (gaat waarschijnlijk niets uitkomen) en 16-19 uur. Dat is voor het bovengenoemde proces niet zo gunstig, dus waarschijnlijk lopen we door tot het weekend.

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Dank voor het delen van de compromis voorstellen die nu voorliggen.

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World Health Assembly: Second Special Session
Item: Consideration of the benefits of developing a WHO convention¹
Group of Friends of the Pandemic Treaty
Joint Statement 29 November, 2021

Director General,
Excellencies,
Dear Friends all,

I deliver this statement on behalf of the 44 Member States from the Group of Friends of the Pandemic Treaty.

We recognize and celebrate the second special session of the World Health Assembly and the historic moment it represents. The COVID-19 pandemic has turned our world upside down and we have found ourselves struggling to stay resilient, strong, and together.

Unfortunately, infection rates are on the rise and inevitably, new variants will continue to challenge our weary health and scientific communities yet again. Our societies suffer and the most vulnerable populations are hit the hardest. Status quo will only strengthen our existing inequities and structural deficiencies.

Doing our best wasn't enough. Two years have passed by, and we are witnessing a push for more stringent measures, closures of businesses, schools and even borders. We are still battling this virus and dealing with the fall out of the mistakes that we made. Inequitable access to countermeasures, poorly distribution of vaccines worldwide and the slow reaction to a crisis that keeps disturbing our lives, needs to be addressed at the

¹ agreement or other international instrument on pandemic preparedness and response with a view towards the establishment of an intergovernmental process to draft and negotiate such a convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic preparedness and response, taking into account the report of the Working Group on Strengthening WHO Preparedness and Response to Health Emergencies. https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHASSA2/SSA2_1-en.pdf

highest level and obtain a coherent and coordinated response from all Member States. We need to come together as global community and fight on the same side.

The Group of Friends of the Treaty trusts that restructuring our global health architecture will be a Member States led process but also guided by principals of equity, solidarity, science, and recommendations from the committees of experts. This special session marks the historic moment in which we decide to embark on a journey to have a stronger agreement that will ensure implementation for prevention, preparedness, and response to the threat of outbreaks with pandemic potential. It is time to move forward and grasp this opportunity to transform our commitments into reality. Member States have had many discussions since this crisis started and today, we are pleased to adopt a decision based on consensus, to benefit the whole international community.

We have learned the hard way that no one is safe until everyone is safe. We will remember this pandemic as a wake-up call for global solidarity. And we will remember this World Health Assembly as the moment where we decided to commit ourselves and build a safer and healthier future for generations to come.

Thank you,

Thank you Nik,

Good afternoon dear colleagues,

It is my pleasure to announce on behalf of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the EU and its member states, the candidature of Mr. [5.1.2e] for the EURO seat in the Bureau of the INB.

Mr. [5.1.2e] is currently the director of the International Affairs department at the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports in the Netherlands. In this capacity he has been the lead for the Netherlands on Covid-19 vaccine purchase and donation. He has first-hand experience in the political, legal and administrative challenges in this process.

Through his involvement in the past 15 years, he is more than knowledgeable of the challenges that lie before us. Involvement in initiatives like the Global Health Security Agenda, which he chaired in 2020. Like international conferences for Antimicrobial Resistance and the FCTC. And international policy development for Access to Medicines. He is convinced that only through international cooperation we can find solutions for the Global Health challenges we are facing.

[5.1.2e] has a broad experience in multilateral affairs and in the governance of WHO, since he is currently EURO Bureau member for the FCTC Convention of the Parties. He is a candidate for WHO EURO's Regional Committee. From 2009 until 2013 he was the Health Attaché at the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands in Geneva. So he knows like no other the mechanisms of our cooperation.

He describes himself as serious where necessary and relaxed where possible. Can quickly get to the heart of things and is not afraid to identify problems and act decisively to get a result. He attaches importance to trust, good atmosphere and humor, and having worked for him in the past two years I can vouch personally vouch for that to be true. We Dutch are known to be pragmatic and grounded and [5.1.2e] is no exception.

[5.1.2e] has a Master's degree in Law and in Public Administration. The Hague is the capital of International Law in this world. The Netherlands is and has been committed to the importance of an international legal system since Hugo de Groot or Hugo Grotius, as he has been known internationally, one of the founding fathers of international law.

Our Prime Minister Rutte was among the first to sign to Op-Ed that kick-started the process for a Pandemic Treaty or other legal instrument. We feel therefore we should step up and take responsibility for the next phase in this important process and provide a solid candidate for the Bureau of the INB. We believe it is important for EURO to aim for the co-chairmanship of the Bureau.

We are engaged and committed to provide the necessary support for this crucial role, to build a transparent and inclusive process towards a Pandemic Treaty, in order to strengthen the international legal system, the global health architecture. To ensure better preparedness and response to future pandemics. For generations to come.

Thank you.

Profile Mr. 5.1.2e

Mr. 5.1.2e is the Director of the International Affairs department at the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports in the Netherlands since September 2019. He has broad experience in international and global health policy and multilateral affairs. He is convinced that only through international cooperation we can find solutions for the Global Health challenges we are facing.

As part of his work for the Netherlands' international health policy, Mr. 5.1.2e is currently member of the EU Joint Negotiation Team for the procurement of Covid-19 vaccines and of the EU Steering Board. He is also member of the EU HERA Steering group.

He has current and past experience in the work of WHO and its governance. He currently is the EURO Bureau member for the FCTC Convention of the Parties. He is a candidate for WHO EURO's Regional Committee. From 2009 until 2013 he was the Health Attaché at the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands in Geneva.

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Agenda:

1. Short introduction of mr. [REDACTED], and his role in the INB Bureau
 - Thank you dr. [REDACTED]
 - Of course for my candidacy for the WHO EURO region on January 13th I gave a more extensive introduction, but for those who don't know me yet
 - My name is [REDACTED], and I am the Director of International Affairs at the Ministry of Health in the Netherlands.
 - During COVID I have also been the lead for the Netherlands on Covid-19 vaccine purchase and donation, experiencing first-hand the political, legal and administrative challenges in this process.
 - But in the broader context I have also been active in the Multilateral field for quite some time, especially with WHO, as FCTC board member, but before that as Health Attaché in Geneva.
 - Regarding the Pandemic Treaty, our Prime Minister Rutte was among the first to sign to Op-Ed that kick-started the process for a Pandemic Treaty or other legal instrument.
 - We therefore felt we should take responsibility for this next phase and help in coordinating the process.
2. A reflection on the last two INB Bureau meetings
 - We've had now two INB Bureau meetings, where we introduced ourselves, clarified some of the roles and expectations, and prepared for the first INB meeting on February 24th. Next week.
 - In these meetings we concluded that South Africa and the Netherlands would be presented as candidates for the co-chair positions in the first INB meetings
 - This is of course to be determined officially on the first meeting
 - Also, we discussed our own method of work as bureau, and discussed the materials that are on the agenda for INB1, with a proposed timeline, and importantly, the INB Method of work
 - These materials will be shared by the Secretariat, if they haven't been shared already
3. Looking towards INB1 starting on February 24th, and the way forward
 - Basically, in the first INB meeting next week, Member States can reflect on their expectations of the process, and their ideas on the method of work
 - We should ensure that the INB process is adequately aligned with the other processes of work at WHO, notably the working group on

pandemic preparedness and response, which is also next week, but also the Working group on sustainable financing, but also a few other activities, like the IHR amendments

- This requires a dance between the different groups, to ensure that intersessional meetings and public hearings will be connected, and the INB can extract the substantive elements and concoct the working draft no later than august 1st.

- 4. Call for reflections and considerations from WHO EURO MS on the process to draft and negotiate a convention, agreement or other international instrument
- As you all know, the road to a pandemic treaty is a road that should be taken together
- Similar to 'no one is safe, until everyone is safe', we need to ensure that a treaty will only work if we are all agreeing on it
- And for this process we need all the input we can get from Member States
- So at this point, I would like to ask for your reflections and considerations on the process to draft and negotiate a convention, agreement or other international instrument
- Of course, as the official process to collect and draft the substantive elements will take place in the INB, this WHO EURO meeting is not an official call for input, but in order to understand the sentiments with Member States, it is prudent for bureau members to listen.
- But in the Bureau, I will not be representing the EURO region;

Friday, 18. February 2022, 15:00

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Achtergrond:

Nederland ziet een centrale rol voor de WHO in de wereldgezondheidsarchitectuur, maar heeft ook geconcludeerd dat de wereld onvoldoende voorbereid was op een pandemie van deze omvang. Inmiddels is een groot aantal aanbevelingen verzameld om de wereldgezondheidsarchitectuur te versterken, en een belangrijk aantal daarvan passen niet in de IHR zonder deze helemaal open te breken. Een pandemieverdrag moet de IHR complementeren met inhoudelijke elementen zoals 1) wereldwijde eerlijke toegang tot medische producten, 2) versterking van de mondiale surveillance structuur, 3) verbeterde informatiedeling van virusmateriaal, gekoppeld aan benefit sharing, 4) de One Health-benadering en 5) afspraken over de naleving van al bestaande en nieuwe verplichtingen. Nederland erkent het belang van een pandemieverdrag, en zal zelf deelnemen aan het bureau dat de onderhandelingen coördineert.

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