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**9th session of the INB, member states move to drafting groups directly, without civil society participation.**

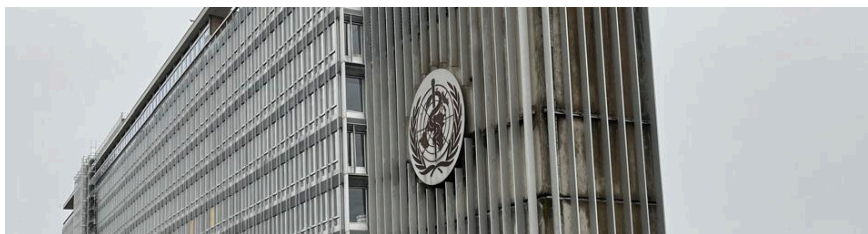
The 9th session of the INB resumed on the morning of Monday the 29th of April, where Member States went straight into drafting groups. Civil society had no opportunity to give or submit documents. Drafting groups were made on Article 4 (Prevention and Surveillance) and Article 5 (One Health), while the plenary groups continued on Article 6 (preparedness), Article 7 (workforce), and Article 9 (research and development). A key question that was raised is whether a separate instrument on One Health should be drafted. There was also a separate discussion on financing and whether this should be streamlined into Articles 19 and 20.

Germany held an informal session on health workforce (article 7).

Regarding Article 9 (research and development), there was a tension between streamlining and keeping in important language, for instance equitable access to research and development products, language on comparator products, transparency on publicly funded research, and mutually agreed term qualifiers.

There is contention regarding language on mutually agreed terms (MATs) or voluntary and mutually agreed terms (VMATs).

As they reached Article 11, there were some discussions on modalities, with some countries saying that they did not have enough delegates to send to working groups. Articles 4 and 5 were being discussed simultaneously in a separate working group.



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