



**13th Intergovernmental Negotiating Body
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Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

The World Medical Association recognizes the unprecedented work that has gone into these negotiations. As the voice of the medical profession, we have consistently advocated for a Pandemic Accord that strengthens global solidarity, prioritizes equity, formalizes One Health, and ensures that health systems and health personnel are well protected and equipped to respond effectively to future threats.

And we are almost there!

As we are entering this last day of negotiations, we urge all negotiators to demonstrate flexibility and resolve. This process is a test of our collective resolve to improve the systems that failed so many during the last pandemic. Delaying agreement not only undermines global preparedness, but also erodes public trust, and weakens the credibility of the multilateral system.

Let us seize this opportunity to finalize the text and demonstrate that global cooperation can rise to meet the defining health challenges of our time.

The WMA stands ready to support the next phase of work, through our medical networks, technical expertise, collaborative efforts on One Health and unwavering commitment to ethical and equitable pandemic response. We remain engaged and will continue contributing to implementation efforts, public communication, and global health governance reform.

Thank you.
