

Statement Delivered on behalf of the Governing Pandemics Initiative at INB7

As delivered on 6 November, 2023 at the WHO HQ, Geneva by Daniela Morich

The Global Health Centre at the Geneva Graduate Institute would like to congratulate the members of the INB for the progress achieved so far towards negotiations of the WHO Pandemic Accord.

As an independent academic institution dedicated to advancing global health governance, we believe in the vital importance of inclusive and participatory decision-making processes.

We were encouraged by the growing support within this body towards closer collaboration with relevant stakeholders, including academic institutions. While the recent news of stakeholders gaining access to the WHO premises during INB negotiations is a positive step, we would welcome even stronger ties with a community we believe can play a critical role in ensuring the success of these negotiations.

While we fully acknowledge that this process is Member State-led, and we hold great respect for the principle of national sovereignty, it remains our belief that the wealth of insight and knowledge that relevant stakeholders, including academic institutions, bring to the table is indispensable in shaping effective and holistic solutions.

The Global Health Centre stands ready to provide support to the work of the INB. Our “Governing Pandemics Initiative” is a testament to our dedication, and we are eager to continue collaborating with you to strengthen pandemic preparedness, response, and recovery.

We wish you a successful week of work.