

WHO Pandemic Treaty

March 30, 2021, 25 heads of government and international agencies unite in call for new treaty that would signal high level political action needed to protect the world from future health crisis. (EU, France, Germany, UK, Greece, Netherlands, Spain, South Africa etc and Dr.Tedros).

March 3, 2022, Council adopted decision to authorize the opening of the negotiation for international pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.

First meeting will be August 2022 to discuss progress and then deliver the report at the 76th World Health Assembly in 2023, and then adopt the treaty by 2024.

***May 2022 was mentioned in the past so I would still watch the situation as it develops

WHO

194 members

WHO CONSTITUTION

Article 19, 20, 21

Article 19

The Health Assembly shall have authority to adopt conventions or agreements with respect to any matter within the competence of the Organization. A two-thirds vote of the Health Assembly shall be required for the adoption of such conventions or agreements, which shall come into force for each Member when accepted by it in accordance with its constitutional processes.

Article 20

Each Member undertakes that it will, within eighteen months after the adoption by the Health Assembly of a convention or agreement, take action relative to the acceptance of such convention or agreement. Each Member shall notify the Director-General of the action taken, and if it does not accept such convention or agreement within the time limit, it will furnish a statement of the reasons for non-acceptance. In case of acceptance, each Member agrees to make an annual report to the Director-General in accordance with Chapter XIV.

Article 21

The Health Assembly shall have authority to adopt regulations concerning: (a) sanitary and quarantine requirements and other procedures designed to prevent the international spread of disease; (b) nomenclatures with respect to diseases, causes of death and public health practices; (c) standards with respect to diagnostic procedures for international use; (d) standards with respect to the safety, purity and potency of biological, pharmaceutical and similar products moving in international commerce; (e) advertising and labelling of biological, pharmaceutical and similar products moving in international commerce.