

Thank you, chair. Dear member states,

PSI is GUF, representing more than 15million healthcare workers around the world. We have concerns with the text in the state it is now.

The PABS system must be administered multilaterally by WHO under democratic Member State oversight.

Voluntary commitments have proven ineffective. All recipients of the PABS materials and/or sequence information must undertake legally binding terms of use, including benefit sharing commitment.

All actors accessing pathogens or data must sign standardized contracts with clear, transparent, public and auditable terms.

WHO IGWG should make multilateral PABS more attractive than such bilaterals bargain, by establishing meaningful benefit sharing commitments, and robust governance and accountability mechanisms to ensure countries' sovereign rights over shared resources.

Countries have sovereign rights over their genetic resources and sequence information, as established by the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Nagoya Protocol (NP).

Thanks you, chair