



**IGWG2 Statement
19 September 2025**

Dear Delegates,

Thank you for the opportunity to address you. We appreciate your ongoing work and value our role as observers to the IGWG negotiations. For observers to provide you with more meaningful daily reflections on your deliberations, we need a more detailed and timelier recount of the previous day of proceedings, such as what options you are considering, and the convergence or divergence emerging from country proposals.

Let us foster a collective spirit of openness, trust, equity and fairness that must underpin the Pandemic Agreement.

We reiterate our call to accelerate the PABS system negotiation and to commit to finalize it by April 2026.

Article 12 establishes the basic framework for the multilateral PABS system for public health purposes.

The key principle for the PABS system operation is, on equal footing, rapid and timely sharing of materials with pandemic potential and SI, and, rapid, timely, fair and equitable sharing of benefits from research and development activities.

We reiterate our recommendations:

- Negotiate simultaneously all components of the system to ensure coherence
- Align to the IHR the trigger for the obligation of Parties to share PABS materials and SI for purposes of the PABS system, while these may voluntarily decide to further facilitate access
- Reach early agreement in the negotiations on operationalizing the benefit sharing during a PHEIC including a pandemic emergency
- Involve all kinds of users of PABS materials in sharing benefits from research and development, appropriate to their roles
- Other key negotiation priorities should be sustained financing for the PABS system and clear WHO management structures

The South Centre will continue to provide expert comment and remain available to provide support.