

Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework

6 February 2023 – As a long-standing partner of the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness (PIP) Framework, industry is highly concerned about the recommendation by the PIP Advisory Group to the WHO DG to expand the Framework to include seasonal influenza viruses and to take this discussion to Member States. Industry strongly opposes this expansion as it would 1) not help improve influenza pandemic preparedness and response nor strengthen the Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System (GISRS), the main mandate of PIP, 2) not effectively address the access- and benefit-sharing (ABS) challenges it aims to improve, and 3) negatively impact rapid development, manufacturing, and delivery of seasonal influenza vaccines. Moreover, this would mean a third negotiation process in parallel to the INB and IHR discussions.

Industry also notes the PIP Framework should not be considered an ABS model for the Pandemic Accord as its transactional nature, among others, is not fit-for-purpose for rapid pandemic response.