

Comments of the Netherlands on the Terms of Reference for the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response.

Dear co-chairs,

Thank you for sending the TOR of the IPPR and for the given opportunity to provide comments.

The content of the TOR is in line with the request formulated in the COVID-19 response.

We have the following comments and suggestions:

Comments on the Format – where text is possibly missing

- Paragraph 4 starting with "*The aim of the IPPR*... ends with a sentence that intends to list the objectives given the words "*they are*": However, the paragraph stops there and doesn't list them.
- Paragraph 5 is giving a first roman (i), however there is no further roman number (ii). We wonder if there is text missing

Comments on the content:

- It is wise to build on lessons from previous health emergencies – but also to see whether these lessons were put into practice and, if not or only partially, why this has been the case.
- Focus of the review appears to be on 'the international health response to COVID-19 as coordinated by WHO'. It may be relevant to look also into the relationship between WHOs coordinated international response and the international response of the WHO member states, institutions like the European Union as well as the (international) NGO community. This would also allow the assessment to go beyond WHOs contribution to UN-wide efforts as mentioned in para 7(iv).
- Paragraph 8 is, in line with the character of the review as described in para 4, very much forward looking. We would like to suggest that in looking forward, attention is paid to financial (and maybe organizational) implications of the recommendations that the panel proposes.