

Spark Street Advisors' submission for the INB13

Since the last negotiating session, the world has changed immeasurably. The global multilateral system is under siege, threatening the very institutions developed to promote and protect health around the world. This is why member states cannot afford to fail this week.

In this new reality, meant to reverse the progress of decades, the pandemic agreement is a concrete action that can be taken against this great dismantling. Its completion would not just make the world safer, but reaffirm commitment to equity, integrity, and solidarity.

While we normally speak about the importance of accountability in the agreement, the current moment requires a higher form of accountability—accountability to the common interest.

Member states no longer have the luxury of striving to perfect every aspect of the pact. Progress is no longer enough. The moment is *now* to find common ground and finish the job.

Pandemic threats can only be addressed through multilateral collaboration. That no one nation can do it alone is not a sign of individual weakness but a sign of our collective strength. States must call upon that collective strength this week to get the agreement over the line before it's too late. If they don't, the loss to our collective health would be immense, but the loss of our sense of common purpose would be immeasurable.

We're counting on you to get the agreement done.

Thank you.