

Spark Street Advisors' submission for the INB12

Thank you. We would like to commend the Bureau on the progress made so far.

Given the Chapter 3 discussions held yesterday, we would like to comment on the issue of compliance.

Over the course of the negotiations, there have been numerous attempts to include strong accountability language on monitoring and compliance, and mechanisms within the agreement to ensure whatever is agreed to here is carried out. As we've gone along, nearly all of those have been removed.

Compliance, however, remains key to making sure the principles discussed here and agreed to by states over these past three years – are respected and implemented.

That is why we would encourage member states to consider and strengthen the Bureau text (2bis), establishing an independent monitoring committee for the implementation of the Pandemic Agreement, reporting to the Conference of Parties.

Independent oversight is fundamental to a treaty's effectiveness. The monitoring committee would regularly review state compliance with agreed-upon provisions of the Agreement. It would also consider information from non-state actors, including the UN and NGOs. Finally, the Committee reports would also be publicly available to promote transparency and accountability.

Thank you and good luck the rest of the way.