

**Priority question for written answer P-001642/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: New pandemic instrument and pandemic prevention at source

In December 2021, the World Health Assembly agreed to launch a global process to draft and negotiate a convention, agreement or other international instrument under the Constitution of the World Health Organization (WHO) to strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness and response. Recent studies show that the single most effective and cost-effective way to prevent pandemics is to avoid pathogen spillover to humans in the first place (referred to as 'pandemic prevention at source').

1. How does the Commission intend to engage in this WHO process and how will it make pandemic prevention at source a priority?
2. How does it plan to engage civil society and scientists in the negotiations for this new pandemic instrument?
3. How does it plan to fully integrate a One Health approach across EU policies and sectors, including as relates to pandemic prevention?