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The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) presents his compliments to States Parties to the International Health Regulations (2005) (“IHR”) and has the honour to refer to circular letter C.L.26.2025 notifying, inter alia, the reservations submitted by the Holy See and Switzerland in respect of the amendments to the IHR adopted by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly through resolution WHA77.17 (2024) (“2024 amendments”). The 2024 amendments entered into force on 19 September 2025.

States Parties to which the IHR amendments adopted through resolution WHA75.12 (2022) (“2022 amendments”) apply could submit objections to the aforementioned reservations by 8 November 2025, in accordance with paragraph 4(c) of Article 62 of the IHR.

Pursuant to paragraph 5 of Article 62 of the IHR, the Director-General wishes to inform States Parties that no objections were received by the above-mentioned deadline. The aforementioned reservations are therefore deemed to be accepted, and the amendments concerned have entered into force for the Holy See and Switzerland subject to these reservations.

The Director-General of the World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to States Parties to the IHR the assurance of his highest consideration.

GENEVA, 18 December 2025