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The Director-General of the World Health Organization presents his compliments to States Parties to the International Health Regulations (2005) and has the honour to refer to circular letter C.L. 38.2025 concerning the notification of acceptance of the International Health Regulations (2005), as amended, received by the Director-General on 29 September 2025.

On 17 December 2025, the Director-General received a communication from the Permanent Mission of the State of Israel to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva regarding the above-mentioned acceptance. A copy of this communication is enclosed with the present circular letter.

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The Director-General of the World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to States Parties to the International Health Regulations (2005) the assurance of his highest consideration.

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The Permanent Mission of the State of Israel to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the World Health Organization and with reference to the "Notification of acceptance of the International Health Regulations (2005), as amended", dated 1 December 2025, has the honor to convey the following.

The Government of Israel does not recognize "Palestine" as a State. For the avoidance of doubt, Israel places on record its position that "Palestine" cannot be deemed a party to any international legal instrument or convention.

Consequently, Israel does not consider "Palestine" as a party to the International Health Regulations, and considers decision WHA78 (9) (2025) to be devoid of legal validity and without any effect upon Israel's rights or obligations under the IHR.

The Government of Israel reiterates its call for the World Health Organization to concentrate its efforts on strengthening professional, technical, and regional public health cooperation and capacity-building, aimed at fostering reliable and effective health systems, rather than pursuing political decisions that do not yield tangible public health outcomes on the ground.

The Permanent Mission of the State of Israel avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the World Health Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 17 December 2025



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