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The Director-General of the World Health Organization presents his compliments to States Parties to the International Health Regulations (2005) (the “IHR”) and has the honour to refer to decision WHA78(24) (2025), through which the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly adopted a correction procedure to address errors identified in provisions of the IHR other than those amended through resolution WHA77.17 (2024), as set out in the relevant report of the Director-General.<sup>1</sup>

Through the above-mentioned decision, the Health Assembly requested the Director-General to initiate, as soon as possible after the closure of the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly, the correction procedure related to the proposed corrections presented in document A78/INF./5.<sup>2</sup>

Accordingly, the Director-General has the honour to communicate the following:

- Proposed corrections to the errors identified in the Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish texts of the IHR are presented in the Annexes to this communication, and correspond to the texts presented in document A78/INF./5. Additions are shown in bold and underline; deletions are shown in strike-through.
- Any objection to the above-mentioned corrections should be communicated in writing to the Director-General within ninety (90) days from the date of the present communication, i.e. not later than 28 August 2025. Any objection received thereafter shall have no effect.
- In the absence of receipt by the above-mentioned date of any written objection, the proposed corrections will be deemed adopted by all States Parties to the IHR, in accordance with decision WHA78(24) (2025).

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<sup>1</sup> Document EB156/40.

<sup>2</sup> The text of the IHR reflects the amendments adopted by the Health Assembly through resolutions WHA67.13 (2014), WHA75.12 (2022) and WHA77.17 (2024). It is understood that the amendments adopted through resolution WHA75.12 do not apply to those States Parties that rejected them. It is further understood that the amendments adopted through resolution WHA77.17 have not yet come into force as of the date of the present communication, and are under consideration by States Parties, pursuant to the modalities specified in the notification of the amendments communicated by the Director-General to all States Parties via circular letter C.L.40.2024 of 19 September 2024.

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- The Director-General will communicate the outcome of the correction procedure as well as any objection that may be received, as soon as possible after the expiry of the above-mentioned date, to all States Parties.

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.

GENEVA, 30 May 2025