



Ref.: C.L.18.2026

International Health Regulations (2005)

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 the amendments to the IHR adopted by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly through resolution WHA77.17 (2024) (“2024 amendments”), the correction procedure regarding the IHR, undertaken in accordance with decision WHA78(24) (2025) and referred to in Circular Letters C.L. 13.2025 and C.L. 36.2025, as well as the amendments to the IHR adopted through resolution WHA75.12 (“2022 amendments”).

1. 2024 amendments

A. Communications received from States Parties

In accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 63 of the IHR, as amended in 2022, the Federal Republic of Germany withdrew its rejection¹ of the 2024 amendments, through a communication dated 23 February 2026 and received on the same day by the Secretariat. In accordance with the same provision, the 2024 amendments have therefore entered into force with regard to the Federal Republic of Germany as of 23 February 2026.

States Parties to which the 2022 amendments do not apply could notify the Director-General of any rejection or reservation regarding the 2024 amendments no later than 19 March 2026. In this regard, the Director-General has the honour to inform States Parties that the Islamic Republic of Iran, New Zealand and the Slovak Republic rejected the 2024 amendments through communications dated 12 March 2026 and 16 March 2026, and received by the Secretariat on the same days, respectively.

... The above-mentioned communications are enclosed with this Circular Letter.

B. Absence of objections to reservations

As stated in Circular Letter C.L. 26.2025, States Parties to which the 2022 amendments do not apply could submit objections to the reservations submitted by the Holy See and Switzerland in respect of the 2024 amendments no later than 8 February 2026.

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 from States Parties to which the 2022 amendments do not apply.

¹ The rejection, dated 10 July 2025, had been communicated on 8 August 2025 through Circular Letter C.L.26.2025.

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2. Outcome of the correction procedure regarding the Chinese text of the IHR

The Director-General has the honour to refer to Circular Letter 36.2025 on the correction procedure regarding the IHR and, in particular, the alternative and additional proposed corrections to the Chinese text of the IHR that were presented in the Annex to C.L.36.2025. States Parties could submit objections to these alternative and additional proposed corrections by 17 February 2026.

No objections were received within this deadline. Accordingly, the aforementioned alternative and additional proposed corrections to the Chinese text of the IHR are deemed adopted by all States Parties to the IHR in accordance with decision WHA78(24), and will be reflected in the consolidated Chinese text of the IHR published on the WHO website in due course.

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, 1 May 2026



Permanent Mission
of the Federal Republic of Germany
to the Office of the United Nations and
to the other International Organizations
Geneva

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Note Verbale

The Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Office of the United Nations and to the other International Organizations presents its compliments to the Director-General of the World Health Organization and has the honour to communicate the following:

With reference to Note Verbale No. 179/2025 of the Federal Republic of Germany of 10 July 2025, and pursuant to Article 63 (1) sentence 1 of the International Health Regulations (2005), the Federal Republic of Germany hereby withdraws its rejection of the amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) agreed by the States Parties on 1 June 2024 and set out in the Annex to Resolution WHA77.17.

The requisite legislative process in the Federal Republic of Germany has now been successfully completed, with the result that the above-mentioned amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) can enter into force for the Federal Republic of Germany upon receipt of this notification by the Director-General of the World Health Organization. The Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Office of the United Nations and to the other International Organizations would be grateful if it could be informed of the date of receipt of this Note.

The Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Office of the United Nations and to the other International Organizations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director-General of the World Health Organization the assurance of its high consideration.

Geneva, 23 February 2026



To the
World Health Organization (WHO)
Geneva



*Mission Permanente
de la République Islamique d'Iran
auprès des Nations Unies
et des autres Organisations Internationales à Genève*

In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Director-General of the World Health Organization, and with reference to the Letter No. C.L.40.2024 of 19 September 2024, notifying the amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) adopted by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly through resolution WHA77.17 (2024), (2024 amendments) has the honor to inform the Director-General as follows:

The Islamic Republic of Iran rejects the 2024 amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) in accordance with Article 59, paragraph 1, and Article 61 of the International Health Regulations (2005).

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director-General of the World Health Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 12 March 2026



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The Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Director-General of the World Health Organization and has the honour to refer to the Director-General's Notification to States Parties to the International Health Regulations (2005) Ref: C.L.40.2024 of 19 September 2024 regarding the amendments to the International Health Regulations adopted by the seventy-seventh World Health Assembly on 1 June 2024 (hereinafter referred to as the 2024 Amendments).

The Permanent Mission notes that further to Note Number 2023/76 New Zealand has until 18 March 2026 to inform the Director-General of New Zealand's rejection of, or reservations in respect of, the 2024 Amendments.

The Permanent Mission wishes to notify the Director-General that, in accordance with Article 61 of the International Health Regulations, New Zealand rejects the 2024 Amendments. The Permanent Mission notes, pursuant to Article 63 of the International Health Regulations, New Zealand may withdraw its rejection in the future.

The Permanent Mission takes this opportunity to renew to the Director-General of the World Health Organization the assurances of its highest considerations.



New Zealand Permanent Mission

GENEVA

16 March 2026



NOTE VERBALE

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The Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the World Health Organization and has the honour to send enclosed the letter of the Minister of Health of the Slovak Republic, Mr. Kamil Šaško, addressed to the Director General of the WHO, Mr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

The Permanent Mission of Slovakia would be most grateful if the WHO could kindly acknowledge the receipt of this communication.

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

Geneva, 16 March 2026



Attached: Letter of MoH

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MINISTER OF HEALTH
OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC
Kamil ŠAŠKO

Bratislava, March 16, 2026

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Honorable Director-General,

In accordance with Article 22 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization as well as Article 59 (1), and Article 61 of the International Health Regulations (2005) (hereinafter referred to as "IHR"), the Slovak Republic submits the rejection of the amendments to the IHR adopted by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly through Resolution WHA77.17 of 1 June 2024, as notified on 19 September 2024.

In the case of the Slovak Republic, the constitutional requirements related to the amendments have not yet been fulfilled. In accordance with Article 63, paragraph 1, of the International Health Regulations (2005), the Slovak Republic retains the right to withdraw its rejection of the amendments in the future, with or without reservations, once the relevant constitutional requirements have been met.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

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