



Ref.: C.L.26.2025

Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005)

The Director-General of the World Health Organization presents his compliments to States Parties to the International Health Regulations (2005) (hereinafter referred to as the “IHR”) and has the honour to refer to circular letter C.L.40.2024 of 19 September 2024 notifying the amendments to the IHR adopted by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly through resolution WHA77.17 (2024) (hereinafter referred to as the “2024 amendments”), and due to enter into force on 19 September 2025.

A. Notification of rejections and reservations submitted pursuant to Articles 59, 61 and 62 of the IHR

In accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 65 of the IHR, the Director-General has the honour to notify States Parties of the rejections of the 2024 amendments submitted by Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Canada, the Czech Republic, Germany, Israel, Italy, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Philippines, and the United States of America pursuant to Articles 59, 61 and 62 of the IHR.¹

In accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 65 of the IHR, the Director-General has further the honour to notify States Parties of the reservations to the 2024 amendments submitted by the Holy See and Switzerland pursuant to Articles 59 and 62 of the IHR.

Pursuant to Article 63 of the IHR, and subject to the conditions set forth therein, a rejection or reservation may at any time be withdrawn by a State Party by notifying the Director-General, which would result in the application of the amendments to that State Party.

B. Declarations and statements

The Director-General has the honour to inform States Parties of the declarations submitted by Croatia, Cyprus, France, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Malta and South Africa in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 59 of the IHR, as well as of the statement submitted by Türkiye.

The communications received from States Parties referred to under the headings A. and B. above are presented in the Enclosure according to the alphabetical order of the names of the States Parties in English.

¹ Seven of the above-referenced States Parties provided an explanation for their rejection, which related to their need to await completion of relevant domestic processes, and which could be followed by a withdrawal of their rejection pursuant to Article 63 of the IHR.

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C. Procedure regarding objections to reservations

The following paragraphs provide information about the applicable deadlines for States Parties intending to object to any of the aforementioned reservations. Those deadlines vary depending on whether the amendments to the IHR adopted by the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly through resolution WHA75.12 (2022) (hereinafter referred to as the “2022 amendments”) apply to the State Party concerned.

i. For States Parties to which the 2022 amendments apply

In accordance with paragraph 4(c) of Article 62 of the IHR, any State Party intending to object to any of the above-mentioned reservations may notify the Director-General accordingly within three months from the date of this notification, i.e. no later than 8 November 2025. Any such notification shall be sent to dgoffice@who.int. In accordance with paragraph 4 of Article 62 of the IHR, “States Parties objecting to a reservation to an amendment to these Regulations should provide the Director-General with reasons for the objection”.

ii. For States Parties to which the 2022 amendments do not apply

In accordance with paragraph 4(b) of Article 62 of the IHR, any State Party intending to object to any of the above-mentioned reservations may notify the Director-General accordingly within six months from the date of this notification, i.e. no later than 8 February 2026. Any such notification shall be sent to dgoffice@who.int. In accordance with paragraph 4 of Article 62 of the IHR, “States Parties objecting to a reservation to an amendment to these Regulations should provide the Director-General with reasons for the objection”.

In accordance with paragraph 5 of Article 62 of the IHR, unless a reservation has been objected to by one third of States Parties within the above-mentioned deadlines (i.e., 8 November 2025 and 8 February 2026), said reservation shall be deemed to be accepted and the amendment shall enter into force for the reserving State Party, subject to the reservation.

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, 8 August 2025

Translated from Spanish

Permanent Mission of Argentina to the international organizations in Geneva

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No. 169/2025

The Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the World Health Organization and has the honour to refer to resolution WHA77.17 of 1 June 2024 whereby the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly adopted the amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR).

Following a thorough review of the legal, institutional and budgetary implications, the Argentine Republic hereby rejects the amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR) 2024 under the terms stipulated in article 61 of the said Regulations.

The Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the international organizations in Geneva conveys to the World Health Organization the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 18 July 2025

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World Health Organization
Geneva

No 2025-0.567.468

N o t e V e r b a l e

The Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), and has the honour to refer to the Circular Letter dated 19 September 2024, no. C.L.40.2024, concerning the amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) adopted by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly.

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

The rejection is of preliminary nature and will be withdrawn once the Parliament of Austria has approved the 2024 amendments to the IHR.

The Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director-General of the World Health Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 17 July 2025

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*PERMANENT MISSION OF BRAZIL TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE
AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA*

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No. 346 / 2025

The Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the World Health Organization and wishes to make the following considerations:

- 1) Brazil has consistently supported and will continue to support the process of reviewing and updating the legal framework underpinning WHO's response to public health emergencies, including the acceptance of the package of amendments to the IHR.
- 2) Taking into account the adoption of Resolution WHA77.17 by the World Health Assembly – which confers a recommendatory status to the amendments – Brazil has already initiated internal discussions within the competent national bodies aimed at institutional and operational adjustments to implement the changes that reflect the best practices embodied in the amended IHR, in areas under the purview of the Executive Branch and Regulatory Agencies.
- 3) Nevertheless, pursuant to Brazil's constitutional framework, the International Health Regulations must be submitted to Congress for approval, in accordance with the principle of separation of powers and institutional harmony.

- 4) In this context, with reference to Article 61 of the International Health Regulations (2005), Brazil notifies the rejection of the amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR) adopted by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly through Resolution WHA77.17.

The Government of Brazil intends to make every effort to secure the prompt approval of the amended text by the National Congress, so that the rejection may be reversed pursuant to Article 63 of the IHR, once the legislative procedures are concluded.

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

Geneva, July 19, 2025

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The Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations and the World Trade Organization at Geneva presents its compliments to the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) and has the honour to refer to the Director-General's notification Ref.: C.L.40.2024 of 19 September 2024, by which the Director-General notified States Parties to the International Health Regulation (2005), adopted by the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly in Geneva on 23 May 2005 (hereinafter referred to as the "IHR"), of the amendments to the IHR adopted by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly in Geneva on 1 June 2024 (hereinafter referred to as the "2024 Amendments").

Canada supports the IHR as a cornerstone of the global health security architecture and the work done to strengthen the IHR through the 2024 Amendments. Canada also reiterates its full support for the role of the WHO as the directing and coordinating authority on global health and in supporting Member States in strengthening health systems.

The Permanent Mission notes that, per the above-mentioned notification and pursuant to paragraph 3 of Article 55 and paragraph 2 of Article 59 of the IHR, the 2024 Amendments are scheduled to enter into force on 19 September 2025 for States Parties that did not reject the amendments to the IHR adopted by the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly in Geneva on 28 May 2022.

The Permanent Mission wishes to inform the Director-General that Canada must avail itself, through the present note, of the option of submitting a notification of rejection of the 2024 Amendments in accordance with paragraphs 1bis and 2 of Article 59 and Article 61 of the IHR to allow sufficient time to complete the remaining steps of its internal treaty adoption process. Indeed, the said process is not expected to be finalized prior to the entry into force of the 2024 Amendments. Canada has started and is progressing through its domestic procedures and will inform the Director-General of their completion in a subsequent note.

The Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations and the World Trade Organization at Geneva avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Director-General of the World Health Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.



Geneva, 8 July 2025



REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
Director-General
Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Zagreb, 3rd July 2025

**Declaration pursuant to the Notification to State Parties concerning amendments to the
International Health Regulations (Ref.: C.L.40.2024)**

The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Croatia presents its compliments to the Director-General of the World Health Organization and has the honour to refer to the Notification to State Parties concerning amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR) (Ref.: C.L.40.2024), specifically page 2, paragraph 3 under section ADA.

In accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 59 of the IHR (2005), which provides that any State Party unable to fully implement the necessary domestic legislative and administrative arrangements may submit a declaration to the Director-General within ten months from the date of notification – i.e. no later than 19 July 2025 – the Republic of Croatia hereby submits its declaration to postpone the application of the said amendments, including the obligation to designate or establish a National IHR Authority (NIA).

This declaration is based on the following considerations:

- Full implementation of the amended IHR obligations requires amendments to the current Law on the Protection of the Population from Infectious Diseases;
- The process of establishing or appointing the NIA involves:
 - Adoption of a formal decision on the establishment or designation of the NIA;
 - Enactment or revision of the relevant legal framework to provide a solid basis for such designation or establishment;
 - Preparation of official documentation clearly defining the responsibilities, scope of authority, and mandate of the NIA.

Given the complexity of the legislative process, including the stages of legal drafting, public consultation, interinstitutional coordination, and parliamentary adoption, it is not feasible to finalize all necessary changes by the stipulated deadline of 19 September 2025.

Accordingly, the Republic of Croatia respectfully requests the postponement of the application of the above-mentioned amendments, with the relevant legislative activities planned within the scope of the 2026 National Legislative Programme.

The Ministry of Health avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director-General the assurances of its highest consideration

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**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND
OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
G E N E V A**

No. 64/25

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations Office in Geneva presents its compliments to the World Health Organization in Geneva and has the honor to deliver the letter from Prof. Dr. Irena Hrستیć, Minister of Health of the Republic of Croatia, addressed to Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of WHO, in accordance with WHO C.L.40/2024.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations Office in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the World Health Organization in Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.



Geneva, 10 July 2025

**Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director-General
World Health Organization**



*Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cyprus
Geneva*

Ref: 24.19.001(457/81)

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Office of the Director-General of the World Health Organization and has the honour to transmit a letter from the Minister of Health of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr. Michael Damianos, addressed to the Director-General.

The Minister's letter refers to the communication of the Director-General dated 19 September 2024, concerning the national adoption of the amendments to the International Health Regulations, pursuant to the provisions of resolution WHA77.17.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the Director General of the World Health Organization, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 11 June 2025



To : the
Office of the Director General of the World Health Organization
Geneva



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Nicosia, June 5, 2025.

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
World Health Organization, Director General

Subject: Notification to States Parties of amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005)

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter dated 19 September, 2024 regarding the National Adoption of Amendments to the International Health Regulations as per the provisions of the resolution WHA77.17 and note the following:

On behalf of the Republic of Cyprus I acknowledge receipt of your written notification regarding the amendments to the International Health Regulations, as adopted through resolution WHA77.17 on 1 June 2024 at the Seventy-Seventh World Health Assembly.

I appreciate the commitment of the World Health Organization to strengthening global health security and recognize the importance of timely implementation of the updated International Health Regulations provisions. However, due to the complexity of our national procedures, as this includes a legislative process, I respectfully request a 12-month extension to the deadline for national adoption of these amendments beyond the current deadline of 19 September 2025. This additional time will allow us to align our national legislative frameworks and procedures with the revised regulations.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Damianos
Minister of Health





No. 110466-3/2025-MZV-MPO

The Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Director General of the World Health Organization and with reference to the Director General's notification dated 19 September 2024, ref. C.L.40.2024, regarding the amendments of the International Health Regulations (2005) adopted by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly on 1 June 2024, has the honour to inform the Director General as follows.

The Permanent Representation wishes to inform the Director General that in the Czech Republic, the constitutional requirements for the entry into force of the said amendments will not have been met before 19 September 2025.

Therefore, in accordance with Article 61 of the International Health Regulations (2005), the Czech Republic hereby notifies the Director-General of its rejection of the amendments of the International Health Regulations (2005) adopted by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly on 1 June 2024.

In accordance with Article 63, paragraph 1, of the International Health Regulations (2005), once the constitutional requirements for the entry into force of said amendments have been met, the Czech Republic may notify the Director-General of its withdrawal of this rejection.

The Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations at Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director General of the World Health Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 5 May 2025

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Translated from French

Permanent Mission of France to the Office of the United Nations and the international organizations in Switzerland

CC/am/2025-0286471

Geneva, 17 July 2025

The Permanent Mission of France to the Office of the United Nations and other international organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the World Health Organization at Geneva and has the honour to refer to its circular letter C.L.40.2024 notifying States Parties of amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005).

In accordance with Article 59, paragraph 3, of the International Health Regulations (2005), this Mission hereby informs Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization, that France requires an extension of the period to effect the legal and administrative adjustments necessary for the full implementation of the amendments to the International Health Regulations.

In accordance with the Article referred to above, the necessary legal and administrative arrangements will be in place to facilitate the implementation of the amendments by 19 September 2026 at the latest.

The Permanent Mission of France to the Office of the United Nations and other international organizations in Switzerland takes this opportunity to convey to the World Health Organization at Geneva the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

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Ständige Vertretung
der Bundesrepublik Deutschland
bei dem Büro der Vereinten Nationen und
den anderen Internationalen Organisationen
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Nr. 179/2025

Verbalnote

Die Ständige Vertretung der Bundesrepublik Deutschland bei dem Büro der Vereinten Nationen und bei den anderen Internationalen Organisationen beehrt sich, dem Generaldirektor der Weltgesundheitsorganisation Folgendes mitzuteilen:

Am 1. Juni 2024, dem letzten Tag der 77. Weltgesundheitsversammlung, haben sich die Vertragsstaaten auf die im Anhang der Resolution WHA77.17 enthaltenen Änderungen der Internationalen Gesundheitsvorschriften (2005) geeinigt. Am 19. September 2024 hat der Generaldirektor die Annahme der Änderung der Internationalen Gesundheitsvorschriften durch die Gesundheitsversammlung notifiziert (ref. C.L.40.2024). Mit Blick auf das nahende Ende der Ablehnungsfrist am 19. Juli 2025 muss die Bundesrepublik Deutschland mit großem Bedauern darüber informieren, dass die durch die nationale Verfassung vorgegebenen Voraussetzungen zur Umsetzung der Änderungen vor dem 19. September 2025 nicht erfüllt sein werden. Der erforderliche Gesetzgebungsprozess dauert noch an. Entsprechend notifiziert die Bundesrepublik Deutschland, im Einklang mit Artikel 22 der Satzung der Weltgesundheitsorganisation und Artikel 61 der Internationalen Gesundheitsvorschriften, hiermit dem Generaldirektor die Ablehnung der vorstehend bezeichneten Änderungen der Internationalen Gesundheitsvorschriften.

Die Bundesrepublik Deutschland wird den Generaldirektor gemäß Artikel 63 Absatz 1 der Internationalen Gesundheitsvorschriften über die Rücknahme der Ablehnung informieren, sobald die nationalen Voraussetzungen für die Umsetzung der Änderungen erfüllt sind.

Die Ständige Vertretung der Bundesrepublik Deutschland bei dem Büro der Vereinten Nationen und bei den Internationalen Organisationen benutzt diesen Anlass, dem Generaldirektor der Weltgesundheitsorganisation erneut ihrer ausgezeichneten Hochachtung zu versichern.

Genf, den 10. Juli 2025

An die

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Note Verbale No.

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:

On 1 June 2024, the final day of the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly, the States Parties adopted the amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) annexed to Resolution WHA77.17.

On 19 September 2024, the Director-General notified the adoption by the Health Assembly of the amended International Health Regulations (ref. C.L.40.2024).

In view of the imminent end of the period for rejection on 19 July 2025, the Federal Republic of Germany greatly regrets that it must declare that the requirements of the national constitution for the implementation of the amendments will not be achieved before 19 September 2025. The requisite legislative process is still ongoing.

Accordingly, in compliance with Article 22 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization and Article 61 of the International Health Regulations, the Federal Republic of Germany hereby notifies the Director-General of its rejection of the aforementioned amendments to the International Health Regulations.

In accordance with Article 63 (1) of the International Health Regulations, the Federal Republic of Germany will notify the Director-General of the withdrawal of the rejection as soon as the national requirements for the implementation of the amendments have been achieved.

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.



SECRETARIA STATUS

The undersigned Secretary of State of the Holy See has the honour to certify hereby that the Holy See, acting in the name and on behalf of the Vatican City State, accepts the Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) adopted by the Seventy-Seven World Health Assembly through its Resolution WHA77.17 of 1 June 2024.

Enclosed are the text of 4 declarations and 2 reservations, which are an integral part of this Instrument of Accession.

In witness whereof the undersigned Secretary of State of the Holy See has signed this document and has affixed thereto the seal of the Secretariat of State.

From the Vatican, 2 July 2025



Pietro Parolin

Cardinal Secretary of State



SEGRETERIA DI STATO

Reservations and Declarations

annexed to the Instrument of Accession

Declarations

1. In light of the territorial nature of the provisions contained in the Amended International Health Regulations, the Holy See declares, for the avoidance of doubt, that in acceding to the Amended Regulations only in the name and on behalf of the Vatican City State, it intends to apply their provisions exclusively within the Territory of the Vatican City State as circumscribed by the Leonine Walls.
2. The Holy See, acting in the name and on behalf of the Vatican City State, declares that it will apply the Amended International Health Regulations in a manner compatible with the particular nature of the Vatican City State, the Sources of its Law (Law LXXI of 1 October 2008) and Catholic moral doctrine.
3. The Holy See, in conformity with its particular mission, underlines, acting in the name and on behalf of the Vatican City State, that any reference to “gender” in the Amended International Health Regulations and in any document that has been or that will be adopted in relation to those Regulations is to be understood as grounded on the biological sexual identity that is male and female.
4. The Holy See declares, acting in the name and on behalf of the Vatican City State, that the terms “health services”, “relevant health products” and “cell- and gene-based therapies and other health technologies” may not be construed as to include abortion nor access to abortion, abortifacients, contraceptives, assisted reproductive technologies, human cloning or to other technologies and therapies contrary to Catholic moral doctrine.

Reservations

1. Since neither the Holy See or the Vatican City State are members of the World Health Organization, the Holy See, acting in the name and on behalf of the Vatican City State, makes a reservation to article 44 *bis* of the Amended International Health Regulations, thus reserving the right to decide on a case-by-case basis whether to implement the decisions and recommendations of the Coordinating Financial Mechanism.
2. Since neither the Holy See nor the Vatican City State are members of the World Health Organization, the Holy See, acting in the name and on behalf of the Vatican City State, makes a reservation to article 56.5 of the Amended International Health Regulations so that any disputes that may arise between itself and the World Health Organization concerning the interpretation or application of the 2024 amendments should not be submitted to the Health Assembly.

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BELÜGYMINISZTERIUM

DR. PINTÉR SÁNDOR

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BM/7124-2/2025

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
az Egészségügyi Világszervezet
főigazgatója részére

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Tisztelt Főigazgató Úr!

Miután az Egészségügyi Világszervezet (WHO) Közgyűlése 2024. június 1-jén a Nemzetközi Egészségügyi Rendszabályok (2005) az 55. cikk (3) bekezdése és az 59. cikk (2) bekezdése alapján elfogadta annak módosításait (a továbbiakban: az IHR 2024. évi módosításai), az IHR 2024. évi módosításai 2025. szeptember 19-én lépnek hatályba.

Magyarország Kormánya újól megerősíti határozott elkötelezettségét az IHR (2005) mellett, amely a globális egészségbiztonság és a nemzetközi együttműködés sarokköve. Elismerjük, hogy az IHR (2005) kritikus szerepet játszik az országok azon képességének megerősítésében, hogy felismerjék, értékeljék, jelentsenek és reagáljanak a közegészségügyi-járványügyi eseményekre, ezáltal biztosítva a kollektív felkészültséget és a lakosság védelmét világszerte. Hatékony végrehajtása alapvető fontosságú az átláthatóság, a koordináció és a határokon átnyúló egészségügyi veszélyekre való gyors reagálás előmozdítása szempontjából. Magyarország továbbra is elkötelezett az IHR folyamatos fejlesztésének és végrehajtásának támogatása mellett, mind nemzeti szinten, mind pedig regionális és globális szintű együttműködésen keresztül.

Ezt szem előtt tartva Magyarország számos lépést tett az IHR 2024. évi módosításainak hatálybalépésére való felkészülés érdekében. A szükséges módosításoknak a nemzeti jogunkba történő beépítése azonban egy összetett jogalkotási folyamat, amely hosszabb időt igényel – 2025. szeptember 19-én túlmutatóan – a kívánt jogi összhang biztosítása érdekében, a vonatkozó rendelkezések zökkenőmentes alkalmazhatóságának biztosítása céljából.

Az EU és tagállamai közötti hatáskörmegosztás miatt az Európai Unió Tanácsa 2025. május 26-án fogadta el a Tanács határozatát „a tagállamoknak a Nemzetközi Egészségügyi Rendszabályoknak (2005) a WHA77.17. sz. határozat mellékletében foglalt és 2024. június 1-jén elfogadott módosításainak az Európai Unió érdekében való elfogadására történő felkéréséről”. Az eljárási szabályokat figyelembe véve a 2025. szeptember 19-ig hátralévő idő nem teszi lehetővé Magyarország számára a szükséges jogalkotási eljárás lefolytatását.

Magyarország Kormánya nevében, az IHR (2005) 59. cikkének (3) bekezdésével összhangban, nyilatkozom, hogy a vonatkozó magyar jogszabályok módosítása 2025. szeptember 19-ig nem fejeződik be.

Az elmaradt kiigazítások célja az uniós és a magyar jogszabályok felülvizsgálatának befejezése annak érdekében, hogy a jogszabályok összhangban legyenek az IHR 2024. évi módosításaival.

E nyilatkozattal együtt örömmel erősítem meg, hogy Magyarország Kormánya valóban elkötelezett amellett, hogy a nemzeti jogszabályokat 2026. szeptember 19-ig teljes mértékben összhangba hozza az IHR 2024. évi módosításaival.

Kérem, Főigazgató Úr, fogadja megkülönböztetett nagyrabecsülésem kifejezését.

Budapest, 2025. július „17”

Üdvözlettel:


Dr. Pintér Sándor




BELÜGYMINISZTERIUM

DR. PINTÉR SÁNDOR

miniszter

Ref. Nr.:BM/7124-2/2025

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
World Health Organization
Director-General

Geneva

Budapest, „14.” July 2025

Dear Director-General,

Following the adoption of amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) (hereinafter referred to as the “2024 amendments to the IHR”) by the World Health Assembly on 1 June 2024, pursuant to paragraph 3 of Article 55 and paragraph 2 of Article 59, the 2024 amendments to the IHR will enter into force on 19 September 2025.

The Government of Hungary reaffirms its strong commitment to the IHR (2005) as a cornerstone of global health security and international cooperation. We recognize the critical role that the IHR (2005) play in strengthening countries' capacities to detect, assess, report, and respond to public health events, thereby ensuring collective preparedness and safeguarding populations worldwide. Its effective implementation is essential for promoting transparency, coordination, and rapid response to health threats across borders. Hungary remains dedicated to supporting the continuous improvement of the IHR and its implementation, both nationally and through collaborative efforts at the regional and global levels.

With this in mind, Hungary has taken a number of steps to prepare for the entry into force of the 2024 amendments to the IHR. However, the incorporation of necessary amendments in our national legislation is a complex legislative process requiring longer time beyond 19 September 2025 in order to ensure the desirable legal consistency with the purpose of ensuring smooth applicability of relevant provisions.

Due to the sharing of competences between the EU and its Member States, the Council Decision “inviting Member States to accept, in the interest of the European Union, the amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) contained in the Annex to Resolution WHA77.17 and adopted on 1 June 2024” was adopted by the Council of the European Union on 26 May 2025. Taking the rules of procedures into account, the remaining time until 19 September 2025 does not permit Hungary to conduct the necessary legislative procedure.

On behalf of the Government of Hungary, and in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 59 of the IHR 2005, I hereby declare that the amendments of the relevant Hungarian laws will not be completed by 19 September 2025.

The outstanding adjustments are to complete the review of EU and Hungarian legislation to ensure legislative consistency with the 2024 amendments to the IHR.

Along with this declaration it's my pleasure to confirm that the Government of Hungary is truly committed to bring the national legislation into full conformity with the 2024 amendments to the IHR by 19 September 2026.

Please accept, Director-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Sándor Pintér



TPN/059/2025

The Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the World Health Organisation and refers document C.L.40.2024 received on 19th September 2024, through which States Parties to the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) received notification from the Director-General of amendments thereto.

Pursuant to paragraph 3 of Article 59 of the IHR, the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations and other International Organisations wishes to formally submit a declaration notifying the Director-General of Ireland's intent to avail of the permissible 12-month period to adjust its domestic legislative and administrative arrangements to accommodate the 2024 amendments to the IHR.

The Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the World Health Organisation the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 11th July 2025

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The Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Director General of the World Health Organization in Geneva, and has the honor to inform his office of the following:

Due to the continuation of the current circumstances, the State of Israel finds it necessary to reject the proposed amendments to the International Health Regulations.

Therefore, in accordance with Article 61 of the International Health Regulations, we hereby notify the Director-General of Israel's rejection of all of the amendments to the International Health Regulations adopted in decision 77.17 by the World Health Assembly in its 77th session in May 2024.

Please note that Israel maintains its right under Article 63 of the IHR to withdraw its rejection to the IHR amendments in the future with or without reservations.

The Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director General of the World Health Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 3 July 2025



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Permanent Mission of Italy
UN - Geneva

The Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the Director General of the World Health Organization and, with reference to the amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005), adopted in resolution WHA 77.17 on June 1, 2024 (2024 amendments) and the related notification (C.L.40.2024), has the honour to transmit the letter n.17620-P-18/7/2025 signed by the Minister of Health, Prof. Orazio Schillaci and addressed to the Director-General, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, accompanied by a courtesy translation in English.

Through the aforementioned letter, the Government of Italy notifies the World Health Organization of its decision - pursuant to IHR Articles 55.3, 59.2 and 61 - to reject all the 2024 amendments.

The Permanent Mission of Italy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the World Health Organization the assurance of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 18 JUL. 2025



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Caro Direttore Generale

Le scrivo con riferimento alla Sua comunicazione del 19 settembre 2024 sugli emendamenti al Regolamento Sanitario Internazionale (2005) adottati dalla 77° Assemblea Mondiale della Sanità con la Risoluzione n. WHA77.17 (2024).

Come indicato dal comma 3 dell'articolo 55 e dal comma 2 dell'articolo 59 del Regolamento Sanitario Internazionale (2005), tali emendamenti entreranno in vigore a 12 mesi dalla sopra citata comunicazione, ovvero il 19 settembre 2025, eccetto per quelle Parti che avranno notificato al Direttore Generale dell'Organizzazione Mondiale della Sanità la loro decisione di rifiutare o di formulare delle riserve nei confronti dei citati emendamenti.

Ai sensi dell'articolo 61 del Regolamento Sanitario Internazionale (2005), per mezzo di questa lettera Le notifico il rifiuto da parte italiana di tutti gli emendamenti adottati dalla 77° Assemblea Mondiale della Sanità con la Risoluzione WHA77.17 (2024).

La prego di accettare, Signor Direttore Generale, i sensi della mia più alta considerazione.

Il Ministro

Prof. Orazio Schillaci

S.E. Dott. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Direttore Generale
Organizzazione Mondiale della Sanità

COURTESY TRANSLATION INTO ENGLISH

18 July 2025

I am writing to you with reference to your notification dated 19 September 2024, regarding the amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) adopted by the Seventy-Seventh World Health Assembly with Resolution WHA77.17 (2024).

In accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 55 and paragraph 2 of Article 59 of the International Health Regulations (2005), the above-mentioned amendments shall enter into force 12 months after the date of the above-mentioned notification, i.e. on 19 September 2025, except for those Parties that have notified the WHO's Director-General of their rejection or reservations in respect of the said amendments.

In accordance with Article 61 of the International Health Regulations (2005), I hereby notify Your Excellency of Italy's rejection of all the amendments adopted by the Seventy-Seventh World Health Assembly with Resolution WHA77.17 (2024).

Please accept, Director-General, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Il Ministro
Prof. Orazio Schillaci

H.E. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director-General
World Health Organization



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Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director-General
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Dear Dr Tedros A. Ghebreyesus,

On behalf of the Republic of Latvia, I would like to reaffirm our full support for the International Health Regulations (IHR) and express our commitment to implementing the recent amendments adopted by the World Health Assembly (resolution WHA77.17 (2024)).

Latvia has initiated the necessary administrative and legislative procedures to align national laws and regulations with the updated IHR. However, due to the requirement for parliamentary approval of legislative changes, it will not be feasible to complete all necessary adjustments by the deadline of 19 September 2025.

Therefore, in accordance with Article 59, paragraph 3 of the IHR, I hereby formally notify the World Health Organization that the following actions may not be finalized by the above-mentioned deadline:

1. An inter-institutional discussion process is currently underway to identify and appoint the National IHR Authority in Latvia.
2. Following the designation of the relevant Authority, amendments will be required to several national laws and regulatory acts, including:
 - Cabinet of Ministers Regulations No. 1050 "Procedure for Implementing Public Health Protection Measures";
 - Cabinet of Ministers Regulations No. 417 "On the International Health Regulations";
 - The Epidemiological Safety Law.

*The document is signed with secure electronic signature

Until the official designation of the National IHR Authority is completed, the State Emergency Medical Service (NMPD) - currently serving as the National IHR Focal Point - will perform the responsibilities of the National IHR Authority. Once a formal decision is made at the national level, the nomination will be updated accordingly, and the World Health Organization will be promptly informed.

Latvia remains fully committed to the principles and obligations of the IHR and will continue contributing to global effort to safeguard public health and uphold international cooperation. It is our intention to complete all outstanding adjustments by 19 September 2026.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

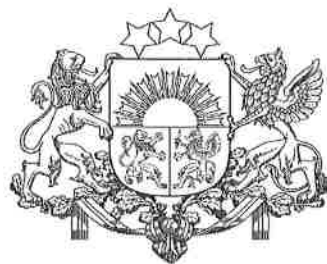
Yours sincerely,

Minister of Health

(signature*)

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Latvijas Republikas pastāvīgā pārstāvniecība ANO Ženēvā
Permanent Mission of the Republic of Latvia to the United
Nations Office in Geneva

UN-G-14669

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Latvia to the United Nations Office in Geneva presents its compliments to the World Health Organization (WHO) and has the honour to transmit herewith a letter addressed to the Director General of the WHO Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus by the Minister for Health of the Republic of Latvia Mr Hosams ABU MERI concerning the implementation of the International Health Regulations.

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

Geneva, 16 July 2025

World Health Organization





N.V. No. 84/2025/PRUN GVA

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Malta to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Director-General of the World Health Organization and, with reference to circular letter C.L.40.2024, has the honour to kindly request that Malta be granted an extension under Article 59(3) of the International Health Regulations (2005), as amended in 2024.

This request is submitted in accordance with the provisions of the International Health Regulations, as Government of the Republic of Malta is presently not in a position to fully align its domestic legislative and administrative framework with the requirements set out in the 2024 amendments, within the twelve-month period following their formal notification, which ends on 19 September 2025.

The Government of the Republic of Malta reiterates its strong commitment to the objectives of the Regulations and appreciates the continued support of WHO during the transitional phase.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Malta to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director-General of the World Health Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 18 July 2025

Director-General
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Permanent Representation of
the Kingdom of the Netherlands
to the United Nations Office and
other International Organisations
in Geneva

NV: GEV-PA 18/2025

The Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Director-General of the World Health Organization and with reference to the Director-General's notification dated 19 September 2024, ref. C.L.40.2024, regarding amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) (hereinafter referred to as the "IHR") adopted by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly on 1 June 2024 (hereinafter referred to as "2024 amendments"), has the honour to inform the Director-General as follows.

Since the Kingdom of the Netherlands rejected the amendments to the IHR adopted by the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly through resolution WHA75.12 (hereinafter referred to as "2022 amendments"), the articles of the IHR as they were worded prior to the 2022 amendments apply to the Kingdom of the Netherlands. In accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 55 and paragraph 2 of Article 59 of the IHR (prior to the 2022 amendments), the 2024 amendments shall enter into force for the Kingdom of the Netherlands 24 months after the date of the Director-General's notification, i.e. on 19 September 2026, except if the Kingdom has notified the Director-General on or before 19 March 2026 of its rejection of, or reservations in respect of, the 2024 amendments.

The Permanent Representation wishes to inform the Director-General that in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the constitutional requirements for the entry into force of the 2024 amendments will not have been met before 19 March 2026.

Therefore, in accordance with Article 61 of the IHR (prior to the 2022 amendments), the Kingdom of the Netherlands hereby notifies the Director-General of its rejection of the 2024 amendments pending the parliamentary approval procedure.

If the constitutional requirements for the acceptance of the 2024 amendments in the Kingdom of the Netherlands are met, the Kingdom of the Netherlands will notify the Director-General of its withdrawal of this rejection in accordance with Article 63, paragraph 1, of the IHR (prior to the 2022 amendments).

The Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva kindly asks WHO for confirmation of receipt of this Note Verbale and avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director-General of the World Health Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 21 February 2025



To the Director-General of the
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**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS, GENEVA**

NV-CDS-569-2025

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines 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 notification C.L.40.2024 dated 19 September 2024 on the amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) adopted by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly on 1 June 2024, has the honor to inform the Director-General as follows:

- The Philippines welcomes the 2024 amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) and is undertaking steps to implement the same.
- In accordance with domestic legal requirements, international instruments and changes thereto may not enter into force for the Philippines before such requirements are met. Therefore, the Philippines formally registers its rejection of the 2024 amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) as conveyed via C.L.40.2024 in accordance with Article 61.
- The Philippines will notify the Director-General of the withdrawal of this rejection upon completion of domestic requirements in accordance with Article 63 of the International Health Regulations (2005).

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director-General of the World Health Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 16 July 2025

**THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
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SOUTH AFRICAN PERMANENT MISSION GENEVA

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Ref:261/2025

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other international Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) and has the honour to refer to the amendments adopted by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly through resolution WHA77.17 (2024) ("the 2024 amendments") and the notification of said amendments to States Parties via circular letter C.L. 40.2024 of 19 September 2024.

South Africa hereby submits a declaration pursuant to paragraph 3 of Article 59 of the International Health Regulations (2005), thereby informing that South Africa shall enjoy twelve additional months from the entry into force of the 2024 IHR amendments, that is, until 19 September 2026, to adjust its legislative and administrative arrangements fully with the 2024 amendments.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of south Africa to the United Nations office at Geneva and other international Organizations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 19 July 2025



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19 July 2025

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director-General
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SWITZERLAND

Dear Dr. Ghebreyesus,

Subject: Declaration in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 59 of the International Health Regulations (2005)

I have the honour to refer to the amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005), adopted by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly through resolution WHA77.17 (2024) ("the 2024 amendments") and notified to States Parties via circular letter C.L. 40.2024 of 19 September 2024.

South Africa welcomes the 2024 amendments and, pursuant to paragraph 3 of Article 59 of the International Health Regulations (2005), submits its declaration to the Director-General, noting the need for outstanding adjustments regarding its domestic legislative and administrative arrangements. Accordingly, South Africa shall enjoy twelve additional months from the entry into force of the 2024 amendments, that is, until 19 September 2026, to adjust the above-referenced arrangements with the 2024 amendments.

South Africa looks forward to a well-considered and sustainable approach to the implementation of the amended International Health Regulations (2005) in order to advance global public health.

Sincerely,

DR P.A. MOTSOLEDI, MP
Minister of Health
Republic of South Africa

Translated from French

The Swiss Confederation

Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the Office of the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva

852-05-04-07-63

The Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the Office of the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the World Health Organization (WHO) and with reference to the decision of the Federal Council dated 20 June 2025, has the honour to notify it that Switzerland accepts the amendments made in 2024 to the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR), with the following reservation and declarations, in accordance with Article 62, paragraph 2, of the said Regulations:

Reservation concerning Annex 1, Part A, paragraph 2 (c), ch. vi and paragraph 3 (i)

Switzerland makes a reservation with regard to the question of managing misinformation and disinformation in core capacities for risk communication. It intends to pursue its objective and evidence-based activities regarding risks, as specified under its legislation (Epidemics Act of 28 September 2012, art.9, para. 1) and with strict regard for freedom of expression, the media and science as guaranteed under articles 16, 17 and 20 of the Federal Constitution of the Swiss Confederation of 18 April 1999.

Interpretative declaration on Annex 1, Part A, paragraph 2 (c), ch. v and paragraph 3 (h)

With regard to the obligations concerning the implementation, maintenance and strengthening of core capacities in respect of access to health services and health products needed for action, as referred to in Annex 1, the Swiss Confederation or its cantons will apply the Regulations in accordance with the division of jurisdiction specified by the Federal Constitution of the Swiss Confederation of 18 April 1999 in the areas of health (art. 117 et seq.), federalism (art. 3 and 42 et seq.) and according to the principle of subsidiarity (art. 5 (a)).

Declaration under Article 4, paragraph 4

The competent National IHR Authority is the Federal Office of Public Health (OFSP),
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The Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the Office of the United Nations and the other international organizations in Geneva takes this opportunity to convey to the World Health Organization (WHO) the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 10 July 2025

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World Health Organization
Geneva



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN GENEVA

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Türkiye to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) and with reference to the Latter's Note dated 19 September 2024 (Ref.: C.L.40.2024) has the honour to notify the Director-General of the following:

"Türkiye will implement the provisions of the International Health Regulations in accordance with the Convention regarding the regime of the Turkish Straits, signed at Montreux on 20 July 1936, as well as by taking into account Turkish 2019 Maritime Traffic Regulations for the Turkish Straits and any future revisions to be made thereto."

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Türkiye to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director-General of the World Health Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 14 July 2025



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THE PERMANENT MISSION
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO THE
UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
IN GENEVA

No. 17-25

The Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva (“The Mission”) presents its compliments to the World Health Organization and refers to the International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005) and the amendments thereto adopted in Geneva on June 1, 2024 (the 2024 amendments) in resolution WHA 77.17 and set forth in the notification of the 2024 amendments by the Director-General on September 19, 2024 (C.L. 40.2024).

The Mission, by means of this note and pursuant to IHR Articles 59.1bis and 61, informs the Director-General of the World Health Organization that the Government of the United States of America rejects the 2024 amendments.

The Permanent Mission of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the World Health Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, July 17, 2025

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Director General of the World Health Organization
World Health Organization Headquarters
Geneva

