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The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) presents his compliments to Member States and has the honour to inform them that the fifth meeting of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (SCHEPPR5), will be held **in a hybrid format** at WHO headquarters, Geneva, from 3–4 September 2024, starting at 09:30 (CEST).

In view of the space restriction in connection with ongoing renovations at WHO headquarters, up to two persons for SCHEPPR Member delegations and one person for non-SCHEPPR Member delegations may participate.

Membership of this Committee is as follows: Dr Haji Mohammad Isham Haji Jaafar (Brunei Darussalam), Professor Plamen Dimitrov (Bulgaria), Ms Christine Harmston (Canada), Dr Alejandra Pizarro Ibáñez (Chile), Dr Pak Jong Min (Democratic People's Republic of Korea), Mr Minsoo Park (Republic of Korea), Mr Selibe Mochoboroane (Lesotho), Dr Abdulla Khaleel (Maldives), Dr Abdelkrim Meziane Bellefquih (Morocco), Mrs Katarzyna Drążek-Laskowska (Poland), Dr Yawa Djatugbé Apétsianyi (Togo), Dr Qasem Mohammed Buhaibah (Yemen), Dr Jerome X. Walcott (Barbados) ex-officio and Ms Rhena Forrer (Switzerland) ex-officio.

Registration for virtual and in person participation can be initiated as of 16 July 2024 by going to the following link: https://indico.un.org/e/SCHEPPR5 and should be completed by 23 August 2024.

Following registration, a personalized link to access the virtual platform will be sent to delegates in the days preceding the meeting.

Registrations sent after the deadline may cause a delay in the receipt of a link to participate in the meeting.

In accordance with resolution WHA49.9 (1996), and to support the aim of achievement of SDG 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls), the Director-General invites Member States to consider that gender balance be applied to their delegations.

The Code of Conduct to prevent harassment, including sexual harassment at WHO events is available at the following link: <u>Code of Conduct: To prevent harassment, including sexual</u> harassment, at WHO events.

Documents pertaining to SCHEPPR5 will be available at: https://apps.who.int/gb/scheppr/.

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

GENEVA, 10 July 2024