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The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) presents his compliments to Member States and has the honour to transmit the provisional agenda for the first extraordinary meeting of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (SCHEPPRSS1), which will be held in a virtual format, on Thursday, 15 August 2024, starting at 16:00 – 18:00 (CEST).

This meeting is being convened in accordance with the terms of reference of the Standing Committee, following the determination of a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC) related to upsurge of mpox.

The membership of this Committee is as follows: Dr Haji Mohammad Isham Haji Jaafar (Brunei Darussalam), Professor Plamen Dimitrov (Bulgaria), Ms Christine Harmston (Canada), Dra. 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 Drazek-Laskowska (Poland), Dr Yawa Djatugbé Apétsianyi (Togo), Dr Qasem Mohammed Buhaibah (Yemen), Ex officio member: Dr Jerome X. Walcott (Barbados).

A personalized zoom link to participate virtually will be sent to Member States. Member States who wish to revise their list of delegates may send an email to hqgoverningbodies@who.int ahead of the virtual meeting. To fast track the processing of requests, Member States are invited to list in the body of the email the delegate(s) who should be added or removed in the following format: email address, Member State and name (first name and surname of the delegate).

A note verbale is not required for the purposes of updating the list of delegates for virtual participation. In accordance with resolution WHA49.9 (1996) and to support the aim of achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 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.

Documents pertaining to SCHEPPRSS1 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, 14 August 2024

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH EMERGENCY PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE Geneva, 15 August 2024

EB/SCHEPPRSS/1/1 14 August 2024

Provisional agenda

- 1. Opening of the meeting
- 2. Adoption of the agenda
- 3. Briefing on the ongoing public health emergency of international concern
- 4. **Report of the meeting**
- 5. Closure of the meeting

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