

Strengthening preparedness for and response to health emergencies through targeted amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005)

Draft resolution proposed by France, Indonesia, Kenya, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia and the United States of America

The Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly,

(PP1) Recalling resolution WHA58.3 (2005) adopting the International Health Regulations (2005), as subsequently amended through resolutions WHA67.13 (2014) and WHA75.12 (2022);

(PP2) Recalling decision EB150(3) (2022) urging Member States to take all appropriate measures to consider potential amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) and decision WHA75(9) (2022) establishing the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) (WGIHR) to work on consideration of proposed targeted amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005);

(PP3) Acknowledging with appreciation the work of the Review Committee regarding amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) convened by the Director-General pursuant to decision WHA75(9);

(PP4) Expressing appreciation for the work of the WGIHR and acknowledging with appreciation the leadership of its Bureau;

(PP5) Underscoring the continued importance of the International Health Regulations (2005) as the key legally binding global instrument of international law for protection against the international spread of disease, and emphasizing the need for continued implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005);

(PP6) [Recalling that, in fulfilment of the requirement set out in paragraph 2 of Article 55 of the International Health Regulations (2005), the Director-General communicated all proposals for amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) received in accordance with decision WHA75(9) on 16 November 2022; and further communicated all iterations of such proposals for amendments as developed by the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) during its meetings];

(OP)1. [ADOPTS, in accordance with Article 55 of the International Health Regulations (2005), the package of amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) annexed to this resolution (hereinafter referred to as the “amended International Health Regulations (2005)”)];

(OP)2. [CALLS UPON States Parties and the Director-General to implement fully the amended International Health Regulations (2005), in accordance with the purpose and scope set out in Article 2 and the principles embodied in Article 3].

(OP)3. DECIDES:

(a) in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 54 of the International Health Regulations (2005), and recalling resolution WHA61.2 (2008) and decision WHA71(15) (2018), States Parties and the Director-General shall continue to report to the Health Assembly, on the implementation of the Regulations annually;

(b) [in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 54 of the International Health Regulations (2005) the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly shall consider whether to update and/or complement the modalities for reporting to the Health Assembly on the implementation of the amended International Health Regulations (2005)];

(c) [in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 54 of the amended International Health Regulations (2005) that a review of the functioning of the Regulations shall be made by the Eightieth World Health Assembly];

(d) [that amendments to the Model International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis contained in Annex 6 will only apply to certificates issued after the date of the entry into force date of the amended International Health Regulations (2005)].

(OP)4. URGES States Parties to the amended International Health Regulations (2005):

(a) to continue to build, strengthen and maintain the core capacities required under the [amended] International Health Regulations (2005) and to mobilize the resources necessary for that purpose;

(b) to collaborate actively with each other and WHO in accordance with the relevant provisions of the [amended] International Health Regulations (2005) so as to ensure their implementation;

(c) [to take all appropriate measures for furthering the purpose and eventual implementation of the amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) adopted through this resolution, pending their entry into force, including legal and administrative provisions];

(OP)5. REQUESTS the Director-General:

(a) [to give prompt notification of the amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) adopted through this resolution, in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 65 of International Health Regulations (2005)];

(b) [to inform other competent intergovernmental organizations or international bodies of the amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) adopted through this resolution, including the International Maritime Organization (IMO) on amended Article 37 and Annexes 3, 4, and 8; and, as appropriate, to cooperate with them in the updating of their norms and standards and to coordinate with them the activities of WHO under the International Health Regulations (2005), as amended];

- (c) [to commence work, in advance of the entry into force of the amendments adopted through this resolution, on matters addressed in all amended Articles, and to prepare and publish a consolidated version of the amended International Health Regulations (2005)];
- (d) [to collaborate with States Parties, to the extent possible, in the mobilization of financial resources to provide support to developing countries in building, strengthening and maintaining the capacities required under the amended International Health Regulations (2005);]
- (e) [to facilitate the review by the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly of the modalities for States Parties and the Director-General to report to the Health Assembly on the implementation of the amended International Health Regulations (2005) referred to in paragraph 3(b) of this resolution];
- (f) [to conduct a review and evaluate the functioning of Annex 2, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 54 of the amended International Health Regulations (2005), and submit the results of such review to the Eightieth World Health Assembly for its consideration];
- (g) [to facilitate the process for the Eightieth World Health Assembly to review the functioning of the amended International Health Regulations (2005), in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 54 of the amended International Health Regulations (2005)];
- (h) [to convene, in accordance with Article 54bis of the amended International Health Regulations (2005) the first meeting of the States Parties Committee for the Effective Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) no later than [x]];
- (i) [to review, update and, where necessary, develop technical documents, digital tools, and standard operating procedures related to the implementation of the amended International Health Regulations (2005), as well as communicating the foregoing technical documents and standard operating procedures to State Parties].

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