IHR Review Committee on COVID-19 response

- 3 closed meetings so far: 8-9 September, 15 September and 22 September;
- 1 open meeting: 9 September
- The meeting reports and other information can be found on the RC website: https://www.who.int/teams/ihr/ihr-review-committees/covid-19
- Committee agreed to meet on a weekly basis at least until November 2020, and to have monthly open meetings;
 - Statements submitted already by Australia, Japan, Norway, Slovakia and USA.
- Interviews so far:
 - Dr Didier Houssin, Former Chair of the Review Committee on Second Extensions and on Ebola outbreak
 - Prof Harvey Fineberg, Former Chair of the Review Committee on H1N1
 - Gian Luca Burci, Former Legal Counsel of WHO
 - Dr Guenael Rodier, Former Director Country preparedness and IHR, WHO





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• Three subgroups to discuss and prioritize areas for review, including but not limited to:

– Preparedness:

Monitoring and assessing IHR functions and capacities

– Alert:

- Risk assessment and communication, information-sharing and outbreak verification;
- Emergency committees, PHEIC and Intermediate level of alert

– Response:

- coordination and collaboration;
- compliance with temporary recommendations (e.g. travel measures)





Tentative timeline – IHR Review Committee

- 8-9 September 2020 First opened meeting of the IHR Review Committee
 - Deliberative closed meetings on a weekly basis until November 2020
 - Open meetings on a monthly basis next open meeting 7 October 2020
- 6 October 2020 reporting on progress to the Special Session of the Executive Board
- 9 November 2020 reporting to the resumed WHA73
- Sharing findings and exchanging views among Chairs of different review mechanisms as necessary IPPR/IOAC/IHR Review Committee
- January 2021 (TBD) reporting to the 148 Executive Board
- May 2021 (TBD) reporting to the 74 World Health Assembly



