

Establishment of the States Parties Committee for the Implementation of the IHR

Background – mandate

Art. 54 bis States Parties Committee for the Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005), (Resolution [WHA77.17](#)), states that:

“The States Parties Committee for the Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) is hereby established to facilitate the effective implementation of these Regulations, in particular of Article 44 and 44 bis. The Committee shall be facilitative and consultative in nature only, and function in a non-adversarial, non-punitive, assistive and transparent manner, guided by the principles set out in Article 3.”

**World Health Organization**
INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS
(2005)
As amended in 2014 and 2022
Explanatory note by the Secretariat of the World Health Organization

The Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly, through resolution WHA58.3, adopted the amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005).

The Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly, through resolution WHA67.13, adopted the amendments to Annex 7 of the International Health Regulations (2005). No expressed reservations or rejections regarding said amendment, the latter entered into force on 11 July 2016, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 59 of the Regulations.

The Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly, through resolution WHA75.12, adopted the amendments to Articles 55, 59, 61, 62 and 63 of the International Health Regulations (2005) entered into force on 31 May 2024 in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 59 of the Regulations, except vis-à-vis the States Parties that rejected said amendments to the Regulations.

The text of the International Health Regulations (2005) presented in the amendments adopted in 2022 and in force since 31 May 2024 vis-à-vis the States Parties that rejected them. The third edition of the International Health Regulations (2005) published by the World Health Organization in 2016, which does not incorporate the amendments adopted in 2022, is available at: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789241580496>.

With a view to facilitating the application of the relevant provisions by States Parties, for each State Party, the date of entry into force of the Regulations, as amended, is presented.

Appendix 2 presents the text of the reservations and other State Parties' comments in connection with the International Health Regulations (2005) expressed prior to the adoption of the Regulations by the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly, through resolution WHA58.3, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 59 of the Regulations.

Appendix 3 presents the list of rejections by States Parties in connection with the International Health Regulations (2005) as adopted by the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly, through resolution WHA75.12.

**World Health Organization**
SEVENTY-SEVENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
Agenda item 13.3
WHA77.17
1 June 2024
Strengthening preparedness for and response to public health emergencies through targeted amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005)

The Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report by the Director-General;¹

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

Recalling also decisions EB150(3) (2022) and WHA75(9) (2022);

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) (2022);

Expressing appreciation for the work of the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) and acknowledging with appreciation the leadership of its Bureau;

Recognizing States Parties' right to notify the Director-General of rejections or reservations, pursuant to Articles 59, 61 and 62 of the International Health Regulations (2005), to the amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) annexed to this resolution,

- ADOPTS, in accordance with Article 55 of the International Health Regulations (2005), the amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) annexed to this resolution (hereinafter referred to as the "amended International Health Regulations (2005)";
- DECIDES:
 - in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 54 of the amended International Health Regulations (2005), that a review of the functioning of the amended International Health Regulations (2005) shall be made by the Eightieth World Health Assembly;
 - that amendments to the Model International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis contained in Annex 6 to the amended International Health Regulations (2005) will only apply to

¹ Document A77/9.



Background – the aims of the Committee

- (a) The Committee shall have the aim of promoting and supporting learning, exchange of best practices, and cooperation among States Parties for the effective implementation of these Regulations;
- (b) The Committee shall establish a Subcommittee to provide technical advice and report to the Committee.



Composition of the Committee and frequency of meetings

- ☐ The Committee shall be comprised of all “States Parties” and shall meet at least once every two years.
- ☐ The Committee shall have a Chair and a Vice-Chair, elected by the Committee from among its State Party members, who shall serve for two years and rotate on a regional basis.



Timing for the first meeting of the Committee

Pursuant to OP 3(6) of resolution WHA77.17, the Director-General is requested to “to facilitate the convening of the first meeting of the States Parties Committee for the Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005), in accordance with Article 54 bis of the amended International Health Regulations (2005), **no later than one year after entry into force of the amended International Health Regulations (2005)**”

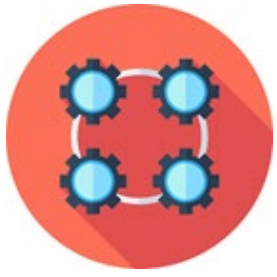
The 2024 amendments to the IHR enter into force on 19 September 2025



Tasks for the first meeting of the Committee

The Committee shall adopt, at its first meeting, by consensus terms of reference for the:

- **Committee**, including the way that the Committee conducts its business
- **Subcommittee**
- **Coordinating Financial Mechanism**, established in Article 44 bis
 - Modalities for its operationalization and governance
 - May adopt necessary working arrangements with relevant international bodies, which may support its operation as appropriate.

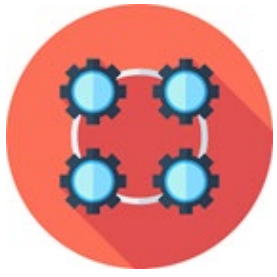


Intersection with the WHO Pandemic Agreement

OP2(3) of resolution WHA77.17 provides that future instruments on public health emergencies or pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, adopted pursuant to the Constitution of the World Health Organization, may utilize the Coordinating Financial Mechanism contained in Article 44 bis of the amended International Health Regulations (2005) to serve the implementation of such instruments;

Article 18(3) of the WHO Pandemic Agreement (resolution WHA78.1) provides that:

- A Coordinating Financial Mechanism is hereby established,
- The Coordinating Financial Mechanism established under the IHR shall be utilized as the Mechanism to serve the implementation of the WHO PA, in a manner determined by the WHOPA COP,
- Said mechanism to function under the authority and guidance of the COP and be accountable to it,
- The TOR and modalities for operationalization and governance of that mechanism, in relation to the WHO Pandemic Agreement, are to be adopted by the COP within 12 months after entry into force of the WHOPA.



Intersection with the IGWG

The timeline and deliverables of the open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group ([A/IGWG/1/3 Rev.1](#)) state that:

In accordance with operative paragraph 9(3) of resolution WHA78.1, the timeline further recognizes the imperative for the IGWG to:

- (1) develop a proposal for the terms of reference for the Coordinating Financial Mechanism and the modalities for its operationalization and governance in relation to the implementation of the WHO Pandemic Agreement as described in Article 18 of the WHO Pandemic Agreement, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties; and
- (2) in this regard, cooperate with the States Parties Committee for the Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) as referred to in Article 54 bis thereof and with its preparatory process.