



Information Session on Preparations for the First Meeting of the *States Parties Committee for the Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)*

Thursday 2 July 2026

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Agenda for today

1. Recap of the mandate for the First meeting of the States Parties Committee for the Implementation of the IHR (2005)
2. Proposed arrangements for the first meeting
3. Invitations, registration and participation
4. Proposed process for selecting the Chair and Vice-Chair
5. Development of the draft Terms of Reference of the:
 - States Parties Committee for the Implementation of the IHR (2005)
 - Subcommittee of the States Parties Committee for the Implementation of the IHR (2005)
 - Coordinating Financial Mechanism
6. Next steps
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Recap of the mandate

Resolution WHA77.17 *inter alia*

- Adopts, in accordance with Article 54 of the International Health Regulations (2005), the amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005)
- Requests the Director-General to facilitate the convening of the first meeting of the States Parties Committee for the Implementation of the International Health Regulations, in accordance with Article 54 bis of the amended International Health Regulations, no later than one year after entry into force of the amended International Health Regulations - *prior to 19 September 2026*

Recap of the mandate

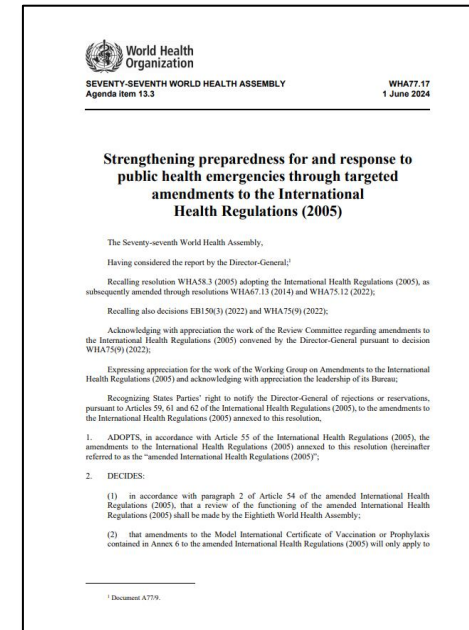
Art. 54 bis States Parties Committee for the Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) states that:

“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.”

The first meeting shall:

- Establish a Subcommittee to provide technical advice and report to the Committee
- Adopt by consensus the terms of reference for the Committee, the Subcommittee and for the Coordinating Financial Mechanism

“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;”





Proposed arrangements for the first meeting

Placeholder dates and format: Monday 31 August to Wednesday 2 September, Hybrid

Working hours: 12:00 - 14:30 CEST

Expected outcomes:

- Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair
- Adoption of the proposed terms of reference of the States Parties Committee for the Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)
- Adoption of the proposed terms of reference of the Subcommittee of the States Parties Committee for the Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)
- Adoption of the proposed terms of reference for the Coordinating Financial Mechanism, including modalities for its operationalization and governance



Invitations, registration and participation

Invitations: To be sent in early July, which will contain instructions regarding registration through CVENT

Participation:

- All States Parties (197) will be invited
- Representation of National IHR Authorities is strongly encouraged



Chair and Vice-Chair

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 and rotate on a regional basis (*Article 54 bis paragraph 3*).

Ideally, the Officers would have significant experience with the functioning of the International Health Regulations.

For consideration, the Officers could be proposed following informal discussions among the regional coordinators.



Coordinating Financial Mechanism

IHR (2005) as amended in 2024:

Coordinating Financial Mechanism established (Article 44 bis)

ToR and modalities for its operationalization and governance shall be adopted by consensus at the first meeting of the Committee (Article 54bis(4) and WHA Resolution WHA77.17)

WHO Pandemic Agreement Article 18:

Acknowledges CFM established under the International Health Regulations (2005) shall be utilized as the Mechanism to serve the implementation of the WHO Pandemic Agreement, in a manner determined by the CoP".

WHA Resolution 78.1 on establishment of IGWG:

Develop a proposal for the terms of reference for CFM and the modalities for its operationalization and governance, cooperate with the State Parties Committee for the Implementation of IHR (2005)



Development of the draft Terms of Reference for the Committee and Subcommittee

The Terms of Reference for the States Parties Committee for the Implementation of the IHR (2005) as well as of the Subcommittee shall be adopted by consensus at the first meeting of the Committee (Article 54*bis*(2)).

In furtherance of the mandate to the Director-General (set out in resolution WHA77.17) to facilitate the convening of the first meeting of the Committee, the Secretariat intends to provide drafts of these Terms of Reference in advance of the first session, for consideration by States Parties.



Next steps

- Invitation to be circulated by early July
- Official documentation for the meeting will be posted on the website
- Additional Member States information session(s) to be held to present the draft terms of reference