

Agenda for today

1. Opening remarks
2. Presentation of the draft Terms of Reference for the Committee
3. Presentation of the draft Terms of Reference for the Sub-Committee
4. Presentation of the draft Terms of Reference for the Coordinating Financial Mechanism established in Article 44 bis of the IHR
5. Closure

Member State information session on the draft ToRs for the Committee, Subcommittee and Coordinating Financial Mechanism

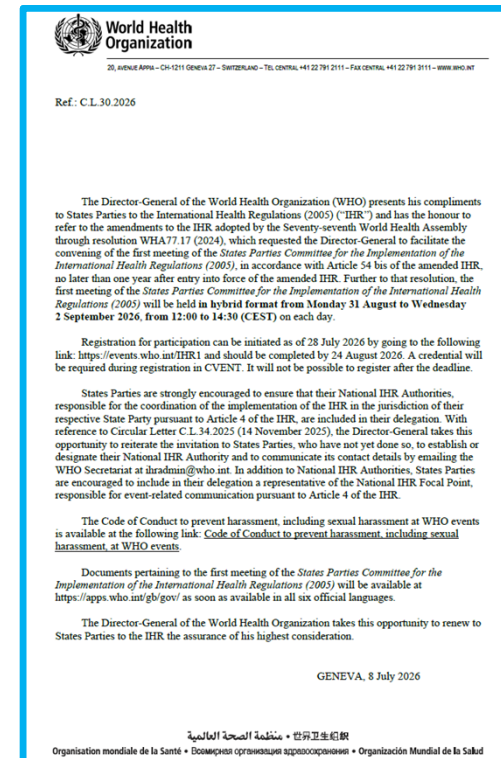
In preparation for
First Meeting of the States Parties Committee
for the Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

Friday 21 August 2026



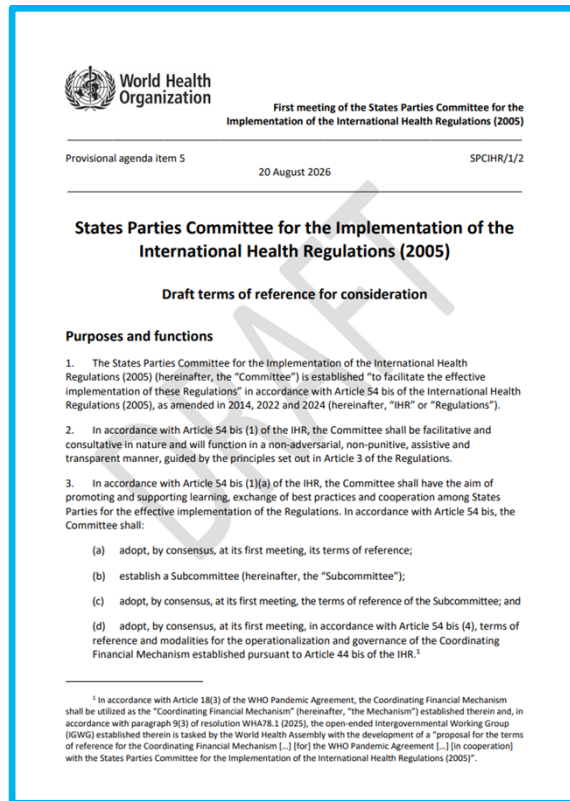
Circular Letter C.L.30.2026

- Invitation to States Parties
- First meeting IHR SP Committee
- 31 August - 2 September 2026
 - 12.00 - 14.30 CEST each day
- Hybrid
- Registration of Delegates through CVENT required



Draft terms of reference for consideration

States Parties Committee for the Implementation of the IHR



Headings

- Purposes and functions
- Membership
- Working modalities
 - A. Officers
 - B. Operation and decision-making
 - C. Meetings
 - D. Reports and reporting
 - E. Subsidiary bodies
 - F. Observers
 - G. Cooperation and coordination
 - H. Secretariat of the Committee

Draft terms of reference for consideration States Parties Committee for the Implementation of the IHR 1/6

Purposes and functions

1. Established in Article 54 bis
2. The nature of the Committee is “*facilitative and consultative*” and its functioning is “*non-adversarial, non-punitive, assistive and transparent [...]*”
3. The aim of the Committee is “*to facilitate the effective implementation of the [IHR] [...] promoting and supporting learning, exchange of best practices, and cooperation among States Parties for the effective implementation of the [IHR]*”

Draft terms of reference for consideration

States Parties Committee for the Implementation of the IHR 2/6

**World Health Organization**

First meeting of the States Parties Committee for the
Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

Geneva, 31 August–2 September 2026

5 August 2026

SPCIHR/1/1

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the States Parties Committee for the Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) (hereinafter, the "Committee")
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Effective implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005), as amended in 2014, 2022 and 2024 (hereinafter, the "IHR") — Presentation by the WHO Secretariat on the aim, nature, functioning and technical scope of the Committee
5. Adoption of the terms of reference of the Committee
6. Establishment of the Subcommittee of the Committee (hereinafter, the "Subcommittee") and adoption of the terms of reference of the Subcommittee
7. Adoption of the terms of reference for the Coordinating Financial Mechanism established in Article 44 bis of the IHR
8. Next steps
9. Report of the meeting
10. Closure of the meeting

- Elect Chair and Vice-Chair

- Adopt the Agenda

Purposes and functions (para 3.)

- Adopt the terms of reference of the Committee
- Establish the Subcommittee and adopt the terms of reference of the Subcommittee
- Adopt the terms of reference for the Coordinating Financial Mechanism

<https://apps.who.int/gb/SPCIHR/>

Draft terms of reference for consideration States Parties Committee for the Implementation of the IHR 3/6

Purposes and functions

4. Article 54 bis (1)(a) - To facilitate effective implementation of the IHR; provide a forum and a community of practice based on collaboration and peer-learning
 - Examples of IHR implementation domains
 - Modalities and scope of technical cooperation and collaboration among States Parties
 - Responsible authorities – institutional positioning, operational arrangements, legal/administrative tools
 - Management of acute public health events
 - Developing and sustaining core capacities through planning and financing instruments
 - Border health-related provisions
 - Requirements of administrative nature and use of related digital platforms

Draft terms of reference for consideration

States Parties Committee for the Implementation of the IHR 4/6

Membership

6. **Article 54 bis (2)** - comprised of all States Parties for which Article 54 bis has entered into force

Working modalities

A. Officers

7. **Article 54 bis (3)** - Chair and a Vice-Chair elected by the Committee (two-year term; rotation among regions)

C. Meetings

13. **Article 54 bis (2)** - meet at least once every two years;
14. Delegations should include National IHR Authority and/or National IHR Focal Point
15. Open to **Observers**, unless IHR SP Committee decides to restrict to member SP
16. Six official languages

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Working modalities

D. Reports and reporting

18. Work of the Committee to be reflected in annual report submitted by the DG to WHA

E. Subsidiary bodies

19. Committee **may establish working groups**, with mandates, composition and duration defined by the Committee

F. Observers

20. **Any State Party** for whom **Article 54 bis** is not into force; any **regional economic integration organization**

21. Observers **without decision-making authority**

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Working modalities

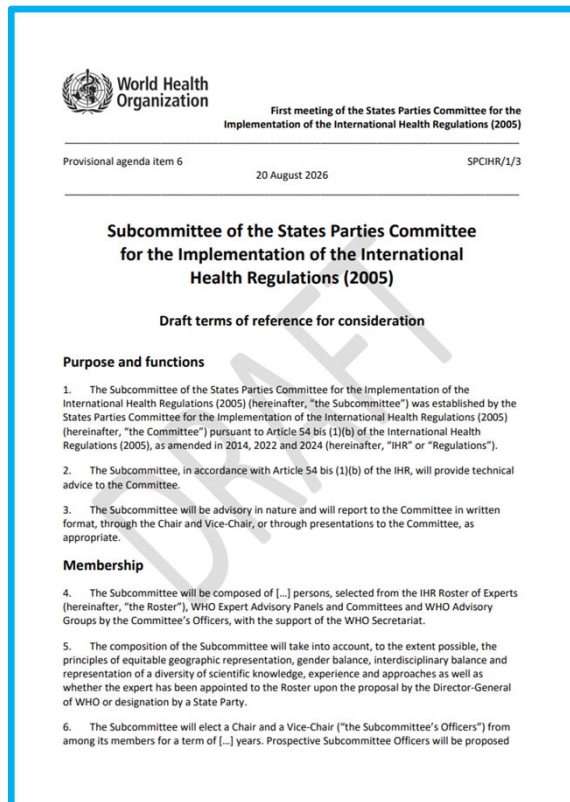
G. Cooperation and coordination

- 22. May establish **working arrangements with** international, regional and other **bodies**, including within UN
- 23. **Article 54 bis (4)** - IHR SP Committee may adopt working arrangements with relevant international bodies to support the Coordinating Financial Mechanism

H. Secretariat of the Committee

- 25. and 26. WHO Secretariat provide **technical and operational support**; as well as **administrative and logistical support**

Draft terms of reference for consideration Subcommittee of the IHR SP Committee



Headings

- Purpose and functions
- Membership
- Working modalities
- Reporting
- WHO Secretariat

Draft terms of reference for consideration Subcommittee of the IHR SP Committee 1/2

Purpose and functions

1. Article 54 bis (1)(b) - Established by the IHR SP Committee
2. Article 54 bis (1)(b) - Provide technical advice to the IHR SP Committee
3. Subcommittee advisory in nature and reports to IHR SP Committee (written or presentations)

Membership

4. and 5. **Composition of Subcommittee**
 - Selected from IHR Roster of Experts, WHO Expert Advisory Panels/Committees and WHO Advisory Groups
 - Principles of equitable representation - geographic, gender, disciplines, diversity of scientific knowledge/experience, modality of appointment to the IHR Roster of Experts
6. Subcommittee to elect Chair and a Vice-Chair, following a proposal by the IHR SP Committee's Officers
7. Subcommittee may engage other experts in specific technical matters

Draft terms of reference for consideration Subcommittee of the IHR SP Committee 2/2

Working modalities

- 8. Closed **meetings** (possibility to invite Chair and Vice-Chair of the IHR SP Committee)
- 9. Subcommittee to **determine** its **methods of work**
- 10. Subcommittee may be invited to IHR SP Committee meetings

Reporting

- 11. **Technical reports** (or presentations) on specific issue/s, as tasked by IHR SP Committee

WHO Secretariat

- 12. and 13. WHO Secretariat will provide **technical** and **operational support**; as well as **administrative** and **logistical support**
- 14. WHO Secretariat will **support** to the extent allowed by **available** human and financial **resources**

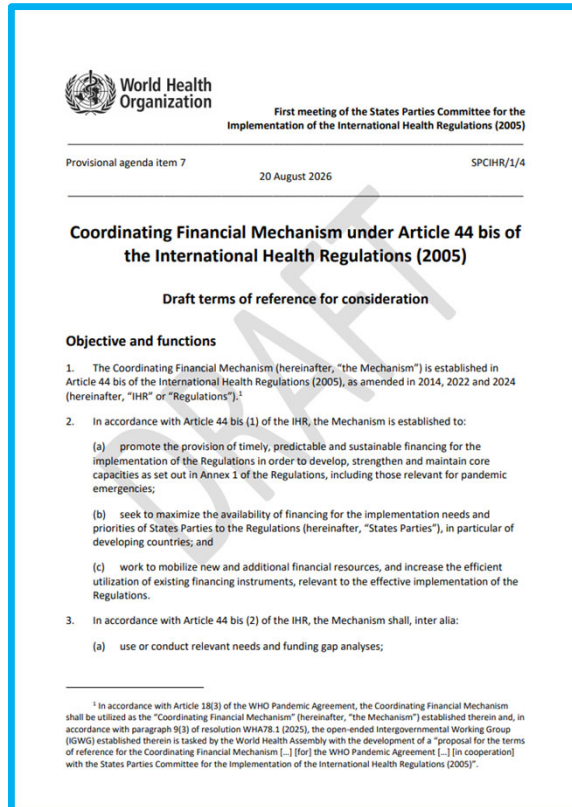
Coordinating Financial Mechanism (Mechanism)

Article 54 bis (4) of the IHR:

The IHR SP Committee

- Shall adopt, at its first meeting, by consensus,
 - terms of reference for the 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

Coordinating Financial Mechanism (Mechanism)



Headings

- Objective and functions
- Principles of operation
- Governance
- Scope
- Cooperation and coordination
- Support from the WHO Secretariat

Draft terms of reference for consideration

Coordinating Financial Mechanism (Mechanism) 1/4

Objective and functions

1. The Mechanism is established in Article 44 bis
2. **Article 44 bis (1)** - the Mechanism is established to:
 - (a) promote the financing for the implementation of the IHR in relation to **core capacities**
 - (b) **seek to maximize the availability of financing** for implementation needs and priorities of States Parties, in particular of **developing countries**
 - (c) work to mobilize **new and additional financial resources**, and increase the **efficient utilization** of **existing financing instruments**

Draft terms of reference for consideration Coordinating Financial Mechanism (Mechanism) 2/4

Objective and functions

3. Article 44 bis (2) - the Mechanism shall:

- (a) use or conduct **needs and funding gap analyses**
- (b) promote **harmonization, coherence and coordination** of existing financing instruments
- (c) **identify all sources of financing** for IHR implementation and **make information available** to States Parties
- (d) provide **advice and support** in **identifying and applying** for financial resources
- (e) leverage voluntary monetary contributions **for organizations** and other entities **supporting** States Parties

Draft terms of reference for consideration Coordinating Financial Mechanism (Mechanism) 3/4

Principles of operation (para 4.)

- (a) equity and solidarity
- (b) transparency, accountability and impartiality
- (c) sustainability;
- (d) complementarity with, and avoidance of duplication of, existing mechanisms and initiatives
- (e) country ownership and alignment with national priorities

Governance

5. **Article 44 bis (3)** - shall function under WHA's authority and guidance and be accountable to it

Scope

6. In accordance with resolution WHA77.17; **terms of reference** address the Mechanism vis-à-vis the IHR, **with a view to facilitating** its use by future instruments in a consistent and coherent manner

Draft terms of reference for consideration Coordinating Financial Mechanism (Mechanism) 4/4

Cooperation and coordination

7. Working arrangements with international, regional and other bodies and other relevant stakeholders to support the Mechanism
8. Promote coherence, complementarity and coordination with mechanisms, arrangements and processes under the WHO PA

Support from the WHO Secretariat

9. The WHO Secretariat will act as the Secretariat for the Mechanism

Coordinating Financial Mechanism (Mechanism)

International Health Regulations (2005)

Established in Article 44 bis

*“4. function [...] under the authority and guidance of the **Health Assembly** and be accountable to it”*

Resolution WHA77.17 (2024)

“2. (3) future instruments on public health emergencies or pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, adopted pursuant to the Constitution of the [WHO], may utilize the [Mechanism] contained in Article 44 bis [...] to serve the implementation of such instruments”

WHO Pandemic Agreement

Established in Article 18

*“3 The [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 **Conference of the Parties**.”*

Resolution WHA78.1 (2025)

“9.(3) the [IGWG] [...] to develop of a proposal for the terms of reference for the [Mechanism] [...] [for the WHO PA] [in cooperation] with the [IHR SP Committee] for consideration by the COP”

Thank you