
Report of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response

Procedural summary of the meeting

1. The eighth and final meeting of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (“the Standing Committee”) was held on 14 and 15 April 2026. The Chair of the Standing Committee, Dr Alejandra Pizarro Ibáñez (Chile), presided over the meeting. The meeting considered the following agenda items: item 1. Opening of the meeting, item 2. Adoption of the agenda, item 3. Update on the ongoing public health emergencies of international concern, and item 4. Strengthening and oversight of the WHO Health Emergencies Programme. It was then suspended.
2. A resumed meeting was held on 7 May 2026 to address item 5. Report of the meeting and item 6. Closure of the meeting. The resumed meeting was presided over by the Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee, Dr Pierre Somse (Central African Republic). In relation to item 5. Report of the meeting, the Standing Committee did not reach consensus.
3. The meeting was closed.
