



Statement of Ireland

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Chair,

Distinguished Delegates,

- Ireland aligns with the statement that will be delivered by the European Union.
- Ireland welcomes the adoption of the amendments to the International Health Regulations.
- Chair, we congratulate the Working Group, its Bureau, and the Secretariat on achieving this historic milestone in global public health policy. We commend them on their collaborative spirit, perseverance, and dedication throughout.
- This process has demonstrated that multi-lateralism truly is alive in Geneva.

- The robust and meaningful amendments presented today will significantly enhance the ability of State Parties to adequately prepare for, detect and respond, to emerging public health threats, and to safeguard our respective populations.
- Perhaps most importantly, the negotiation of specific equity targeted amendments, encompassing sustainable finance and equitable access to health products, will have enduring implications for the operationalisation of equitable emergency responses.
- These legally binding amendments will no doubt bolster both national and international response to future health security risks and will allow the global community to ensure a safer, healthier world for all.

I thank you.