

**Statement of I.R. Iran on:
International Health Regulations (2005):
Proposed procedure for the correction of errors in the text of the instrument"**

We thank the Director-General for announcing the translations of the IHR amendments on September 2024.

We believe that the announced procedure for incorporating the corrections in the translation of the text into the other five official languages of WHO and receiving country comments within 90 days is reasonable and important for harmonizing the original text of the revised regulations in English with the other official languages, as also emphasized in resolution WHA77.17.

The text of the IHR amendments contains very important points. Recalling, inter alia, Article 13.8 and subparagraphs a through e of this particular paragraph, namely

"WHO shall facilitate, and work to remove barriers to, timely and equitable access by States Parties to relevant health products after the determination of and during a public health emergency of international concern, including a pandemic emergency, based on public health risks and needs ..."

We believe that if the IHR amendments are effectively implemented by WHO and all member states, especially developed countries, the revised regulations will be able to provide equity in access to health products necessary to address PHEIC and pandemics better than what happened during the COVID-19 pandemic

At the same time, recalling the following paragraph in the resolution adopting the IHR amendments at WHA77 as:

"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,"

The Islamic Republic of Iran has established a national multisectoral committee of key stakeholders, known as the National Committee for the Review of IHR amendments, since the beginning of the WGIHR negotiations in 2022. The committee is tasked to scrutinize the text of the IHR amendments and we hope to be able to officially announce our positions on those to WHO before the 18-month deadline, which began on September 19th, 2024. The aforementioned committee played a prominent role in reviewing the amended provisions and in reflecting its viewpoints to the Iranian negotiating team during the period of WGIHR activity.

Thank you Mr./Madam Chairperson.

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