

FIFTH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS (2005)
Geneva, 2–6 October 2023

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Draft programme of work

- 1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda
 - The Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) (the Working Group) will be invited to adopt the agenda (document A/WGIHR/5/1) and agree on the programme of work (document A/WGIHR/5/2).
- 2. Update on articles considered at previous meetings of the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) and discussed at intersessional briefings and facilitated informal consultations
 - The Co-Chairs will provide an update on articles considered at the previous meetings of the Working Group and discussed at intersessional briefings and facilitated informal consultations, including:
 - Responsible authorities Article 4
 - Notification, verification, and provision of information Article 5 (paragraph 4 and new proposals for paragraph 5). Articles 9 and 10, Annex 2
 - Temporary and standing recommendations Article 18
 - The Emergency Committee Articles 48 and 49
 - Member States will be invited to provide updates on the articles reviewed at the previous meetings of the Working Group and discussed at intersessional briefings and facilitated informal consultations, including Article 8 (Japan) and Article 11, paragraph 5 (India and the United States of America).
 - The Co-Chairs will provide an update on coordination with the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.
- 3. Consideration of proposed amendments to the following grouping of articles:
 - PART IV POINTS OF ENTRY (Article 19 General obligations);
 PART V PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES (Chapter I General provisions.
 Article 23 Health measures on arrival and departure; Chapter II Special provisions for conveyances and conveyance operators. Article 24 Conveyance operators, Article 27 Affected conveyances and Article 28 Ships and aircraft at points of entry; Chapter III Special provisions for travellers. Article 31 Health measures relating to entry of travellers); and Annexes 3 and 4

- PART VI HEALTH DOCUMENTS (Article 35 General rule and Article 36 Certificates of vaccination or other prophylaxis); PART VIII GENERAL PROVISIONS (Article 42 Implementation of health measures, Article 43 Additional health measures and Article 45 Treatment of personal data); Annexes 6 and 8; and PART X FINAL PROVISIONS (Article 56 Settlement of disputes)
- PART I DEFINITIONS, PURPOSE AND SCOPE, PRINCIPLES AND RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES (Article 1 Definitions, Article 2 Purpose and scope and Article 3 Principles)
- The Working Group will be invited to consider the abovementioned proposed amendments as noted in the report of its fourth meeting (document A/WGIHR/4/5).
- 4. Proposals from Member States for entities to be included in Annex D and/or Annex E of document A/WGIHR/3/3 [if any]
 - The Co-Chairs will invite Member States to consider and agree to any new proposals of entities in Annex D and/or Annex E.
- 5. Report of the meeting
- 6. Closure of the session

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