Update on Member States Workstreams on Health Emergencies
In the event a PHEIC is determined, provide guidance to the Executive Board and advice to the Director-General, through the Executive Board, on matters regarding health emergency prevention, preparedness and response, and immediate capacities of the World Health Organization Emergencies Programme.

Outside a PHEIC, review, provide guidance and make recommendations to the Executive Board regarding the strengthening and oversight of the WHO Health Emergencies Programme and for effective health emergency prevention, preparedness and response.
First Meeting of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response

1\textsuperscript{st} meeting was held virtually on December 12\textsuperscript{th}, 2022

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Second Meeting of the SCHEPPR

Report of the meeting

1. The second meeting of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (“the Standing Committee”) was held in a hybrid format on 13–14 April 2023. The officers of the Standing Committee, Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah of Malaysia as Chair, and Professor Arne Salomon of France as Vice-Chair, presided over the meeting.

2. The Director-General provided the opening remarks, welcomed all participants, and said that he looked forward to being advised and supported by the Standing Committee through the Executive Board.

3. The Chair recalled the functions of the Standing Committee as per the terms of reference contained in decision EB151/2 (2022), reviewed the agenda and introduced the programme of work. The Chair referred to some general principles to support the efficient conduct of the Standing Committee’s work while noting that none of these principles in any way altered the terms of reference that were agreed by the Executive Board through decision EB151/2. In this regard, the Chair noted that:

   • The main role of the Standing Committee was to provide guidance to the Director-General through the Executive Board on matters pertaining to health emergency prevention, preparedness and response, including by supporting the WHO Health Emergencies Programme, in accordance with the Standing Committee’s terms of reference;

   • Avoiding duplication with the work carried out by other relevant bodies, specifically, the Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme and the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board, was key;

   • The Standing Committee should prioritize discussions on public health emergencies of international concern and, outside of those, on strengthening and oversight of the WHO Health Emergencies Programme and effective health emergency prevention, preparedness and response, in accordance with the Standing Committee’s terms of reference;

   • Standing Committee discussions needed to be focussed and

   • The Standing Committee should embrace simplicity with practical solutions in its approach and interventions.

Major themes that emerged included:

– the sustainability of the WHO Health Emergencies Programme in light of its increasing workload and how to strengthen its authority, responsibilities and support;

– making decisions on priorities, and the role of Member States in helping WHO integrate lessons learned from the pandemic;

– the need to revise preparedness and response plans to incorporate lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and the urgent need to integrate these preparedness efforts with health systems strengthening, reinforcing relationships and collaboration on health emergencies across the three levels of the Organization;

– sustaining the achievements of the pandemic in such areas as genomic and wastewater monitoring;

– the need to strengthen diagnostic capabilities and their integration with multisource surveillance systems; and

– the creation and support of One Health initiatives.
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10 proposals to build a safer world together

Based on independent reviews, synthesising +300 recommendations ...

... developed in consultation with Member States & partners, presented at the World Health Assembly May 2022

Strengthening the Global Architecture for Health Emergency Preparedness, Response & Resilience (HEPR)

1. Leadership
2. Regulation (IHR)
3. Accountability
4. Capacity
5. Coordination
6. Collaboration
7. Finance-Health coordination
8. Preparedness financing (incl. FIF)
9. Response financing

0. Pandemic accord

Governance

Inclusivity

Equity

Coherence

Financing

10. WHO strengthening

Systems

Collaboration
Consultation process for proposals to strengthen global architecture for HEPR

Concept note including an outline of draft proposals published on WHO website: March 24th, 2022

1st draft of proposals for consultation with MS: May 4th, 2022

Updated white paper published for further consultation: June 24th, 2022

Feedback from MS via online platform & informal consultations with MS

MS consultation (incl. INB), discussions with Regional Committees

Continuous work through existing intergovernmental & independent expert processes (incl. G7, G20, ACT-A, GAP)

January 2022

WHO 150th EB
Request to consolidate proposals for strengthening HEPR in consultation with MS & partners

May 2023

75th WHA Final draft submission

January 2023

152nd EB Consultation draft submission

October-December 2022

MS Consultation Update on on-going MS consultation processes

May 2023

75th WHA Final draft submission

Other consultation processes

Continuous work through existing intergovernmental & independent expert processes (incl. G7, G20, ACT-A, GAP)
Expanding on the Director-General’s report to the WHA 2023, this paper provides a two-part summary of the initiatives that are now underway to strengthen the global HEPR architecture.

Part I: Overview of the Member-State processes to reform the governance of HEPR at the global level; new mechanisms to secure sustainable financing for HEPR; and the five Cs.

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Review Committee (RC) regarding amendments to the IHR

The RC convened by the Director-General (DG) in compliance of 75 World Health Assembly: decision WHA75(9) and consistent with decision EB150(3) (2022), and in accordance with Article 50 of the IHR.

RC submitted its report to the DG in mid-January 2023 in accordance with Article 55 of the Regulations.

DG transmitted to the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) (WGIHR) Contained the review of 307 proposed amendments to the IHR submitted by State Parties
IHR Review Committee (RC) members

**MEMBERS**

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Sunita SREEDHARAN, India

Geneva, Switzerland, 28 November-2 December 2022
16 Member States submitted either individual proposals or on behalf of groups of states – 93 Member States in total

- Armenia
- Bangladesh
- Czech Republic: on behalf of the Member States of the European Union (EU)
- Eswatini: on behalf of the Member States of the WHO African Region
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Namibia
- New Zealand
- Republic of Korea
- Russian Federation: on behalf of the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)
- Switzerland

Region of the Americas
- Brazil
- United States of America
- Uruguay on behalf of the Member States of the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR)
Proposals for amendments submitted to the WHO Secretariat

Proposals for amendments were submitted for:

- 33 of the 66 articles of the IHR, with 6 new Articles
- 5 of the 9 annexes and a new Annex 2 and new Annex 10

Member States used different styles to identify the proposed amendments

An article-by-article compilation, using a single format to illustrate the proposed amendments, was used by the Review Committee for analysis.

Submissions were shared in all official languages via email with all Member States.
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The 75th World Health Assembly adopted the Decision **WHA75(9)**

- Continuing the WGPR with a revised mandate and name ("Working Group on IHR amendments" (WGIHR) to **work exclusively on consideration of proposed IHR targeted amendments**, with a view to their **adoption by consensus** at the 77th World Health Assembly.

- **Members:**

  **Co-Chairs:** Dr Abdullah Asiri - Saudi Arabia & Dr Ashley Bloomfield - New Zealand.

  **Vice-Chairs:** Dr Sultani Matendechero - Kenya, **Mr Colin McIff – United States of America**, Ambassador François Rivasseau - France, and Ambassador Grata Endah Werdaningtyas - Indonesia.
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Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB)

- Established by Decision SSA2(5) to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement, or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response.
- The final report will be presented at WHA77 (2024)

INB Bureau members:

Co-Chairs: Mr Roland Driece of the Netherlands and Ms Precious Matsoso of South Africa

Vice-Chairs: Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes of Brazil, Mr Ahmed Soliman of Egypt, Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien of Thailand and Mr Kazuho Taguchi of Japan.
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