



R E S O L U T I O N

REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
THE WESTERN PACIFIC

COMITE RÉGIONAL DU
PACIFIQUE OCCIDENTAL

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IMPLEMENTING THE INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS (2005)
AMENDMENTS

The Regional Committee,

Recalling the 2024 World Health Assembly resolution (WHA77.17) on strengthening preparedness for and response to public health emergencies through targeted amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR); the 2025 World Health Assembly resolution (WHA78.1) adopting the WHO Pandemic Agreement; the global WHO Fourteenth General Programme of Work, 2025–2028, and its strategic objectives to prevent, mitigate and prepare for health risks from all hazards, and to rapidly detect and sustain responses to health emergencies; the Weaving Health regional vision priority action area on promoting resilient communities, societies and health systems for health security; and the 2023 Regional Committee endorsement of the *Asia Pacific Health Security Action Framework* (WPR/RC74.R3);

Affirming the value and vision of over two decades of strategic investment by Member States and partners in regional health security, reflected in the evolution of health security frameworks;

Appreciating the commitment and efforts of Member States, as States Parties to the IHR, to strengthen IHR core public health capacities and promote solidarity;

Noting that the 2024 amendments to the IHR, which began to enter into force on 19 September 2025, update obligations for States Parties;

Recognizing the need to implement the amendments in a coherent manner in order to promote equity and solidarity, enhance national capacities, and reinforce regional resilience and readiness for public health emergencies,

1. ENDORSES the draft *Implementing the International Health Regulations (2005) Amendments in the Western Pacific Region*;
2. URGES Member States:
 - (1) to prioritize multisectoral collaboration in the implementation of the amended IHR;
 - (2) to ensure adequate resources to strengthen health security capacities, according to local contexts;
 - (3) to participate in consultations and act on priorities to strengthen the operational readiness of the Region for public health emergencies;
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
 - (1) to convene consultations under existing mechanisms to assess health security systems and capacities;
 - (2) to support measures to strengthen regional operational readiness and resilience for public health emergencies;
 - (3) to report periodically on progress in strengthening operational readiness in the Western Pacific Region.