

**Question for written answer E-001627/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Notification of the amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR) by the WHO

On the last day of the 77th World Health Assembly (27 May to 1 June 2024), after 21:00, a 'vote' was held on the amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR). However, there was no actual vote; it was only asked whether there were any objections. As there were none, the proposed version of the IHR was declared adopted. Austria was represented in this process by the European Commission (see Council Decision (EU) 2022/451 of 3 March 2022 authorising the opening of negotiations on behalf of the European Union for an international agreement on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, as well as complementary amendments to the International Health Regulation).

The next step is for the WHO to notify all Member States or relevant stakeholders. The official notification by the Director-General of the WHO triggers the time limits for rejecting the adopted amendments or for making reservations.

When was the above-mentioned notification sent to the EU and/or to each Member State?

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