

**Question for written answer E-002970/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: WHO's International Health Regulations

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the World Health Organization (WHO) is revising its International Health Regulations (IHR) and proposing a pandemic preparedness treaty. As the Commission is a WHO partner and a leading financial contributor, I would like to ask the following questions regarding these developments:

1. Is the Commission aware that the amended IHR reduce healthcare sovereignty to a principle in Article 3(4) and subject it to the regulations, and what steps will it take to ensure that the healthcare sovereignty of the EU's Member States remains protected?
2. Is the Commission aware that the amendments to the IHR mention digital health documents, and what role will be given to these formats by the Commission?
3. What value will the Commission place on the recommendations based on the amended IHR in the event of a public health emergency of international concern, and what is the expected role of the Member States concerning these recommendations in respect of their sovereignty over health policies?

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