

Question for written answer E-001491/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Definition and declaration of an international health emergency

The Heritage Foundation's 'Project 2025' analyses the disastrous COVID-19 policies of the WHO and governments worldwide and formulates the goal of ensuring a sensible preparation for the next health emergency. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown how disastrous the misguided and centralised COVID-19 policies were. Fundamental human rights, freedom of medical choice and the doctor-patient relationship were trampled underfoot in defiance of the facts. The number of deaths not attributable to COVID-19 rose sharply – and remains vastly higher than before. The public health system has lost the trust of the population.

Before the next international health emergency, the health system needs to be fundamentally restructured to ensure a transparent, science-based and efficient response. Each of the excessive and factually unfounded measures taken during the pandemic – from lockdowns and school closures to mask mandates and vaccination requirements – was justified by the supposed 'health emergency' that had been declared. Significantly, however, no threshold has ever been defined to determine when a health emergency exists.

1. What definition of 'health emergency' is used in the EU and internationally, and what criteria must definitely be met for it to be declared?
2. Can the EU declare an international health emergency on its own, without the WHO, or is that something only the WHO can do?
3. What does the Commission consider to be the prerequisites for a health emergency to be declared in the EU?

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