

Question for written answer E-003072/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Objections to the amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR)

The deadline for objections to the 2024 amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR) expired as planned on 19 July 2025. Some countries have rejected or clearly objected to these reforms: The US officially rejected the new provisions on WHO sovereign intervention, including travel restrictions, lockdowns and digital health documents (HHS.gov, Financial Times). Argentina also stated already in February that it would withdraw from WHO structures due to 'profound differences' (AP News). In addition, there are states such as Russia, which reserve the right to implement the amendments only as they see fit (Health Policy Watch). Austria and Italy have also raised objections or at least legal reservations.

1. Which EU Member States have formally objected to the IHR amendments?
2. Which EU Member States have definitively rejected the IHR amendments?
3. Is the Commission aware of any countries outside the EU that have objected to or rejected the IHR?

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