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**Question for written answer E-002979/24
to the Commission
Aurelijus Veryga (ECR)
(17 December 2024)**

Subject: Distribution of sexual and reproductive health-related products and services under the WHO pandemic prevention, preparedness and response accord

As the European Commission is WHO partner and prominent financial contributor, I would like to ask the following questions regarding these developments:

1. Could the Commission clarify whether it intends to distribute sexual and reproductive health-related products and services, including abortion kits, as pandemic-related health products in the event of a Public Health Emergency under Article 13(1) of the pandemic prevention, preparedness and response accord?
2. And when it distributes these products and services, under what circumstances and scenarios would it use the proposed global supply chain and logistics network to distribute these products?

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**Answer given by Mr Sikela on behalf of the European Commission
(25 March 2025)**

The negotiations on an international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response are currently ongoing ⁽¹⁾. The objective of Article 13 ⁽²⁾ of the draft Agreement is to establish a Global Supply Chain and Logistics Network (hereafter the GSCL Network) to enhance equitable, timely and affordable access to pandemic-related health products.

Such products typically refer to health products that may be needed for prevention, preparedness and response to pandemic emergencies and may include medicines, vaccines, diagnostics, medical devices, personal protective equipment.

The GSCL Network would be expected to be convened by the World Health Organisation (WHO), in full consultation with the Parties to the agreement, WHO Member States not Parties to the agreement and in partnership with relevant stakeholders.

The EU would have a role to play if it decides to become a Party to the agreement. Neither the EU nor the Commission would however be involved in the physical distribution of products under the GSCL Network.

⁽¹⁾ <https://inb.who.int/>

⁽²⁾ https://apps.who.int/gb/inb/pdf_files/inb12/A_inb12_3-en.pdf