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The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) presents his compliments to States Parties to the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) and has the honour to refer to resolution WHA73.1¹ in which the World Health Assembly requested the Director-General, inter alia, to initiate a stepwise process of impartial, independent and comprehensive evaluation of the WHO-coordinated international health response to COVID-19, including by using existing mechanisms such as the Review Committee under the International Health Regulations (2005). The Committee is to be convened in September 2020 to review the functioning of the IHR during the COVID-19 response and the status of implementation of the relevant recommendations of previous IHR Review Committees. The Committee will report on its progress, to the Director-General who will in turn inform the forthcoming Executive Board and the Health Assembly starting with the Seventy-third resumed session of the Assembly, in November 2020.

In this connection, and in accordance with Article 51, paragraph 2 of the IHR, the Director-General has the honour to invite States Parties to designate a representative for the session of the IHR Review Committee which will be held on 9 September 2020 from 12:00 to 14:00 Geneva time. The name of the representative designated should be sent to IHRRC@who.int by 7 September 2020. The representative may submit memoranda to the Committee and, with the consent of the Chairperson, make a statement on the subjects under discussion by sending a message to IHRRC@who.int. Connection details for the meeting will be provided in due course to the designated representative.

The Director-General of the World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to States Parties to the International Health Regulations (2005) the assurance of his highest consideration.

GENEVA, 3 September 2020



¹ https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA73/A73_R1-en.pdf.