

**STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN UNION ON THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO  
THE INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS (2005)**

From the side of the European Union, we very much welcome today's adoption of the revised International Health Regulations. We thank everyone who has participated in this successful endeavor and particular thank to Co-Chairs Bloomfield and Assiri, as well as all Bureau members, for their leadership, without which this success would not have been possible. Very special thanks as well to the Secretariat for their great work over the past two years.

Today is a historic day for global health. Following two years of very intense negotiations, this agreement underscores the continuing strength of international cooperation and solidarity for global health. It also demonstrates that multilateralism can deliver concrete results that make the world a better place. By strengthening the IHR and setting new international commitments that improve the management of public health emergencies, we together will be able to better protect all people from serious public health threats. This is a significant achievement that we should all be very proud of, and that will serve to inspire us in our continued endeavor to conclude a pandemic agreement.

Thank you.