

Mr Speaker,

We do hope your sojourn in the Middle East proved a success?

Despite our best wishes for your travels, we are concerned that there has not been a single response to our emails? We spoke to Ancel on Monday to confirm receipt of the emails - we were saddened to learn of his recent loss of his father. We also spoke to the Clerk Ms Scerri.

A recent PQ regarding the Amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR) to be considered at the 77th World Health Assembly starting May 27th this year, highlighted the failure of the World Health Organisation to meet their own standards in respect of this process.

Article 55 of the IHR REQUIRES the amendments to be shared at least 4 months before the World Health Assembly at which it will be considered. The decision A75(9) taken at the 75th World Health Assembly in 2022 (attached for ease), explicitly demands in (2)(f) for the working group to "...propose a package of targeted amendments, for consideration by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly, IN ACCORDANCE WITH Article 55 of the International Health Regulations (2005)."

These as yet unknown and undisclosed amendments will likely result in significant changes to the IHR - an international agreement that Malta is subject to and has been incorporated into law here. Malta cannot and should not ignore the provisions of the agreement.

We look forward to receiving your response.