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Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing to you in relation to the amendments to World Health Organization's International Health Regulations 2005 (IHR) which were adopted by the WHO World Health Assembly on 1 June. Although the IHR amendments are not subject to Parliamentary scrutiny under the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010, the International Agreements Committee has a general remit regarding international agreements.

As you will know, the IHR amendments have been the subject of public debate, but we are not aware that your Department has updated Parliament on the outcome of the IHR amendment negotiations. Could you please therefore provide us with a written briefing on the main elements of the amendments and the impact of these changes for the United Kingdom.

We would be grateful for a response by 2 October if possible.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course. Our Committee Clerk Rhiannon Williams may be contacted on 02072 194585 or [williamsrb@parliament.uk](mailto:williamsrb@parliament.uk)

Yours sincerely,

**The Rt Hon. the Lord Goldsmith KC**

Chair of the House of Lords International Agreements Committee