

The third meeting of the IHR emergency committee concerning Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) was convened by WHO Director-General Dr Margaret Chan on 25 September 2013, via teleconference. Saudi Arabia and Qatar provided an update on recent developments in their countries; the WHO Secretariat presented epidemiological developments, information concerning the Hajj and Umrah pilgrimages and recent WHO activities related to MERS-CoV. Further to the review and analysis of the information currently available and following a risk assessment approach, the members of the emergency committee concluded that the conditions for a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) had not been met.

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