

PANDEMIC TREATY

1 WHAT? An international agreement on pandemic management, promoted by the **World Health Organization (WHO)**, which effectively **transfers** the **power** to define pandemic measures **from the states to the WHO**.

Negotiations between

- * the intergovernmental negotiating bodies (WHO Member States),
- * in our country, the Ministry of Health, the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the National Institute for Health and Welfare.

WHERE?

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3 HOW? Internationally, through the **Pandemic Treaty** and **through additions and amendments to the International Health Regulation (IHR)**. Finland takes into account the WHO Pandemic Treaty and the IHR Amendments in the Memorandum on the Reform of the Communicable Diseases Act.

WHEN?

The agreement's negotiations began in February 2022, and it is **expected to be completed by May 2024**.

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- * **WHO's role will shift from an advisor to a decision maker.**
- * Loss of freedom of expression, with WHO and states censoring anything other than their own "information".
- * Under WHO control, "health threat" includes physical, mental and social well-being.
- * **Concepts such as human dignity, civil rights and liberties are removed from the rules.**
- * States lose their sovereignty over their public health issues.
- * The health risk does not have to be real. An undefined possibility justifies measures like **forced vaccination, isolation and quarantine**.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE LAW AS AN INSTRUMENT OF POWER

- * Basic concepts are unclear and create a risk of arbitrary practices.
- * The relaxation of the definition of coercive measures and the extension of power and authority threaten citizens' rights.
- * The involvement of non-health actors in the management of communicable diseases raises questions, in particular international actors, private bodies and NATO.
- * There is no medical or legal justification for a permanent extension of the vaccination requirement in the health sector.
- * International coordination is discussed at a level that does not reflect their implications. Changes to the WHO pandemic agreement and IHR rules imply a transfer of the definition of pandemic and pandemic measures from states to WHO. In addition, the WHO links the introduction of a global digital vaccine passport, the development of mRNA vaccines and the financing of pandemic activities.

THE LAWYER'S VIEW

"In practice, these new rules give the relevant organisations exclusive control without us Finns being able to decide for ourselves on matters concerning our citizens and our country. STM officials are destroying national sovereignty.

Finns should understand that this "train is moving fast" and that only a handful of officials are aware of this. My impression is that the MPs are very poorly informed about what a few officials of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health are doing. These matters are very difficult to understand, and the preparatory texts are only available in English."

HOW CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Ask what your representative knows about the WHO pandemic agreement. Insist that he or she stands up for the public. Share the message



on social media, in comments of news and by printing it on your workplace printer. You can also distribute it to post boxes - it is perfectly allowed in Finland! **We need to get media coverage! We need to talk about it!** Below is the link to the electronic version.

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