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Mr. Nitzan Horowitz, Minister of Health, Israel  
Dr. Hans P. Kluge, Regional Director for Europe, World Health Organization  
Prof. Nachman Ash, Director General of the Israel Ministry of Health  
Meeting participants

Re: The meeting of the Regional Committee for Europe of the World Health Organization in Israel, September 12-14, 2022

The committee, which serves as a forum for decision-making, is convening in Israel this week. Among the subjects to discuss on its agenda are the following: emergency preparedness, vaccinations, digital health data sharing and cooperation among countries.

To the best of our knowledge, the Israeli Ministry of Health intends to sign agreements that have not been made public, without perceiving the need to have them ratified by the Knesset for the purpose of public discussion and oversight, even though the agreements might directly impact the citizens of Israel.

In light of the failure of the World Health Organization and the Israeli Ministry of Health to manage the COVID crisis and in light of the use of draconian measures, without a scientific basis, which were destructive to health, the economy and the social fabric and that violated civil liberties— including lockdowns, school closures, mask mandates, the de facto performing of medical experiments without informed consent and forced vaccinations through a green-pass policy, we call on the participants at the meeting to

1. Learn genuine lessons from the COVID crisis, to admit the mistakes made by the organization and the governments, and to re-evaluate pandemic preparedness, so that when the day comes, we will not repeat the mistakes made.
2. Recognize the centrality of independent science and medicine, of professional disagreements and doubts, independent of business or government interests, as the sources of knowledge for making decisions in times of emergency.
3. Reaffirm the commitment of the organization and member states to patients' rights and fundamental liberties, patient autonomy and the right to privacy, which have been severely and needlessly harmed by COVID measures, and rebuild trust with the public.
4. Reaffirm the unwavering goal of the health authorities: maximizing health in the broad and full sense, not just through a narrow prism, as defined by the World Health Organization: "a state of physical, mental and social well-being, not merely the absence of disease or infirmity."
5. Strengthen the capabilities and independence of countries to manage crises according to their own cultural and other characteristics.



6. Act to make the organization and health authorities worldwide independent from private and corporate funding sources, in order to ensure strong and independent regulation and unbiased decision-making.

We call upon the Government of Israel to

1. Employ full transparency regarding the content of the discussions and resolution proposals
2. Not to sign treaties and agreements before they undergo a process of full disclosure to the public and oversight by the Knesset

We hereby sign,

Members of the Israeli Public Emergency Council for the COVID-19 Crisis

Cc:

The Prime Minister, Member of Knesset Yair Lapid

The Attorney General of Israel



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## PECC members 2022 (Part #1)



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**Prof. Asher Elhayany**  
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Professor of Medicine, Specialist in Family Medicine and Public Administration. He served as the CEO of Meir Hospital, the director of the Central District at Clalit Medical Centre, and as the director of the United Health Fund. He served as chairman of the National Council for Health in the Community. Family doctor in the Negev.



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Professor of Social Work, served as president of the Achva College, head of the Department of Social Work at Ben-Gurion University and as dean of the School of Social Work at Memorial University in Canada. Killam Award winner and beacon lighter at the 2013 Independence Day ceremony.



**Dr. Ron Babecoff**  
Biotechnology

Licensed veterinarian, Master of Entrepreneurship and Innovation (MEI) from ISEMI. Participating in the \$400 The Health Network. Founder and past President & CEO of BiondVax Pharmaceuticals. He built a biotech company from the conceptual idea and set up and ran a manufacturing plant and global human clinical trials including collaborations with the USA NIH and European consortium.



**Dr. Orna Blondheim**  
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Specialist in Pediatrics and Neonatology as well as Director of Health Systems. She served as the director of the Schneider Children's Hospital and served 16 years as CEO of Emek Medical Center.



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Professor of Medicine, specialist in Clinical Immunology and Infectious Diseases. Served as Chief of Department of Medicine, and pioneered AIDS medicine in Israel. Currently Head of Center for Tropical Diseases and AIDS at Ben-Gurion University. President of NALA Foundation for the Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases in Developing Countries and Board Member of Physicians for Human Rights in Israel.



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Professor of Medical Sciences, head of Medical Laboratory Sciences at Zefat Academic College. Managed the R&D division in Carmel Hospital, Director of Haifa and Western Galilee Central Laboratories in Clalit Health Services, founded and managed numerous clinical laboratories, including the central lab of Clalit, the Corona lab in the Northern region, and the designated corona lab at Ben Gurion airport.



**Prof. Dov Golan**  
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Professor of Medicine, specialist in Internal Medicine, clinical immunology, and medical management. A pioneer in the field of immunology in Israel, former Director-General of Rothschild Hospital, and former director of the Israeli Ministry of Health.



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Professor of Immunology in the Faculty of Medicine at the Hebrew University. An international expert in the field of neutrophil research, is developing new approaches to immunotherapy.



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Established the School of Education at Tel Hai College, teaching leadership at the college. Director of school for disadvantaged girls in Jerusalem, and a high school. Received two doctoral degrees, in genetics and philosophy.



**Prof. Gilad Haran**  
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Gilad Haran is a professor in the Department of Chemical and Biological Physics at the Weizmann Institute of Science. He served as the Dean of Chemistry in the Institute. Was involved in the development of the first-ever nano-drug, Doxil. Develops and applies in his lab novel methods for studying how proteins operate as tiny machines.



**Dr. Michal Hemo Lotem**  
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Pediatrician, Entrepreneur and author on leadership at medical futurism. Served as Vice President of Innovation at the Sheba Medical Center, and as a member of the Prime Minister's Advisory Council. Founded Beterem - Safe Kids Israel, and OSHEYA - Women Lead Wellness. Received Prime Minister's special Award for her contribution to children.



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Professor Emeritus of Professional Ethics and Philosophy at Tel Aviv University. Laureate of the Israel Prize for Philosophy. Member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts. Wrote dozens of state and public codes of ethics, including the military code of ethics, as well as serving as a member of several national public committees.





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**Prof. Michael Levitt**  
Computational biology, Biophysics

Professor of Computational and Structural Biology at Stanford University, Visiting Professor at the Weizmann Institute, Biophysicist, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, Member of the National Academy of Sciences in the United States and the British Royal Society. One of the pioneers in simulating the molecular dynamics of DNA and proteins. Developed a method for medicinal use antibodies' humanization. Works with models of antibodies, RNA, protein folding and the spread of viruses.



**Prof. Lechaim Naggan**  
Epidemiology, Public Health

Professor of public health and epidemiology. Previously served as deputy chief medical officer in the IDF, the dean of the Department of Health Sciences at Ben Gurion University and, subsequently, as Vice President of the University and Dean of Research and Development. Prof. Naggan was awarded a Life Achievement award by the Union of Public Health Doctors.



**Dr. Yifat Abdi-Kork**  
Molecular Biology, Epidemiology

An expert in epidemiology and molecular biology, served as a Consultant to the national health basket public committee and Head of Pharmacoeconomics Department, Israeli Center for Technology Assessment in Health Care, the Gertner Institute.



**Prof. Udi Qimron**  
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Chair of the Department of Clinical Microbiology and Immunology at Tel Aviv University. Expert in T cells, mucosal vaccines, genetic engineering of bacterial viruses, and CRISPR. Published in Science, Nature and Cell and has won prestigious research grants including the ERC. Partner in the establishment of the SARS-CoV-2 testing laboratories.



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Professor of Medicine and Medical Management. Specialist in Internal Medicine. Winner of the Israel Prize. Served twice as Director General of the Ministry of Health and Director of Sheba Hospital, as well as Chairman of the Medicines Committee. Founded and managed the School of Public Health at Tel Aviv University, and also established and managed the National Institute for Health Policy Research.



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Professor of Operations Management at the MIT Sloan School of Management. An international expert in safety, risk management and analytics-driven design and optimization of health systems and biologic drugs manufacturing systems. He is leading several large-scale research collaborations across the world with leading industry enterprises and government organizations. He has consulted multiple state governments during the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Dr. Michael Miro**  
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Expert of journalism and Political Science. PhD in Political Science from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Former director of the Israeli public radio and journalist of society and the environment affairs for over 40 years. Today, a freelance, civil journalist and researcher of civil society. Characteristics and examination the abilities of civil power to influence decision-makers, while relying on rules of ethics.



**Prof. Israel Silman**  
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Professor Silman has served as the Head of the Neurobiology Department and directed the Nella and Leon Benozio Center for Neurosciences at the Weizmann Institute of Science. He is a former President of the Israeli Society for Neuroscience. For his breakthroughs in molecule medicine, he was awarded the Teva Founders Award as well as additional prizes.



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Law

Dr. Dotan Rousso holds a Ph.D. in Law, BA., and MA. in Philosophy from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and was a visiting scholar at the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto. He taught Criminal Law at Tel Aviv and Bar-Ilan Universities. Dr. Rousso is a lawyer who worked as head of a research team at the Israeli Parliament - The Knesset and as a state criminal prosecutor in Israel. He is currently a Philosophy lecturer at Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) in



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Specialist in internal medicine, cardiology, emergency medicine and health administration. Established and managed the Department of Emergency Medicine at Sheba Hospital, was deputy director of Meir Hospital and currently heading the ER at Laniado Hospital. Founded the Emergency Medicine department at Tel Aviv University.



**Dr. Guy Shinar**  
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Dr. Guy Shinar is a physicist with over 20 years of experience in medical device research and development, clinical trials and regulatory affairs. He is an inventor, co-founder and chief technology officer in several start-up companies. He holds a PhD degree from the Weizmann Institute of Science, where he specialized in systems biology and chemical reaction network theory.



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