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PANDEMIC TREATY

WHO DEPUTY DIRECTOR SAYS NEW PANDEMIC IS 'A MATTER OF TIME'

Interviewed by the Italian network RFI, Mariângela Simão stated that a new phenomenon is inevitable and therefore WHO considers the creation of a "treaty"

"This pandemic, after the Spanish flu, has been the most impactful and this must be acknowledged: it was a wake-up call to the whole world. Not only developing countries were affected. It affected everyone, and no one was prepared," she observed.

The pandemic treaty will be discussed at WHO's World Health Assembly, scheduled to be held in November. The treaty aims to establish guidelines to define the role of the Organization in emergencies, as well as the responsibilities of governments and the private sector entities. Major WHO concerns, covid-19 variants and worldwide distribution of vaccines are also on the agenda.

The interview is [available in Portuguese.](#)

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