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Summary of @WHO EC's Temporary Recommendations

1. WHO does not recommend limiting trade and movement of people. Countries must only implement evidence-based measures. WHO can assist with guidance. WHO opposes any travel or trade restrictions that would effectively punish China.

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2. Assist countries with weaker health systems (this is also an obligation under Art 44 IHR)

3. Accelerate the development of vaccines, therapeutics & diagnostics

4. Combatting the spread of misinformation

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5. Review preparedness plans, identify gaps & evaluate resources needed to identify, isolate & care for cases, & prevent transmission

6. All countries must share data, knowledge, & experience

7. All countries to work together in the spirit of solidarity and cooperation.

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WHO defines travel restrictions to include visa bans and quarantining travelers who are in good condition. This would include Australia.

@WHO says they will ask countries who do to show cause for non-evidence based measures in accordance in with the IHR.

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Declaring a PHEIC was the right decision. It was good to see the:

- focus of a PHEIC declaration's purpose on preparing states w weak health systems. Very powerful shift.

- reiteration WHO's power to ask states to "show cause" for non-evidence based travel restrictions.