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“The detection and rapid spread of a new clade of mpox in eastern DRC, its detection in neighboring countries that had not previously reported mpox and the potential for further spread within Africa and beyond is very worrying,” he said.

“The emergency committee met and advised me that the situation constitutes a public health emergency of international concern. I have accepted that advice.”

Also known as a PHEIC, this is a status given by WHO to “extraordinary events” that pose a public health risk to other countries through the international spread of disease. These



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世界衛生組織周三宣佈，非洲正在進行的猴痘疫情為全球衛生緊急事件。

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世衛組織召開了突發事件委員會會議，因為人們擔心一種更致命的病毒株，即1b分支病毒株，已經到達了非洲四個以前未受影響的國家。這種菌株以前曾被控制在剛果民主共和國。



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