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## Unconstitutional? Says WHO?



[Epidemiologists are in control here](#), and they were the ones who convinced PM Andrej Babiš to seal the borders in an [order issued on March 12](#). To do this, the cabinet used the crisis law ([§ 6 odst. 1 písm. b](#)), which allows it to ban the "entry, presence and movement of individuals in or on specified areas or territories." [Constitutional lawyer Jan Wintr](#) argues that this was unconstitutional, because the entire world cannot be considered such a "territory." However, one day before the cabinet issued its order, the World Health Organization declared the disease [covid-19 to be a pandemic](#). A pandemic, according to the WHO, is the "[worldwide spread of a new disease](#)." The WHO did not exclude any countries. As much as Pavel Rychetský and some other justices might be tempted to give Andrej Babiš a slap on the wrist, does anyone really think the Czech Constitutional Court will choose the Czech Constitution over the authoritative words of such an esteemed international organization?

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