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To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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**STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSION**

The Commission regrets the limitation of the scope of the exemption to the COVID-19 pandemic only and expresses its regret concerning the deletion of the electronic exemption certificate that has proved to be urgently needed, especially in the course of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. The Commission stresses that in absence of an ambitious future-proof solution, the Union's preparedness to respond swiftly in the interest of EU citizens, should similar emergencies and crises arise in the future, will be affected. It further stresses that future-proof solutions are still needed, in particular in the context of the forthcoming proposal on a Health Emergency Support Authority.