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Proposal for a Council Recommendation

**on a coordinated approach to facilitate safe free movement during the COVID-19
pandemic and replacing Recommendation (EU) 2020/1475**

Delegations will find attached document COM(2021) 749 final.

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ANNEX
EU traffic light map

1. The traffic light map should be based on the following criteria:
 - (a) the ‘14-day case notification rate’, that is, the total number of newly notified COVID-19 cases per 100 000 population in the last 14 days at regional level;
 - (b) the ‘vaccine uptake’, that is, the cumulative uptake of full vaccination with a primary course in the total population at regional level;
 - (c) the ‘testing rate’, that is, the number of tests for COVID-19 infection per 100 000 population carried out during the last week.

2. To arrive at an overall score, the 14-day case notification rate (C) should be weighted by the vaccine uptake (V) in a specific region. If the value for any of the two criteria is not available at regional level, the value at national level should be used.

For this purpose, the following formula should be used:

$$(C+C*(100-V)/100)/2 = \textit{weighted rate}$$

3. In the traffic light map, an area should be marked in the following colours:
 - (a) green, if the weighted rate is less than 40;
 - (b) orange, if the weighted rate is less than 100 but 40 or more;
 - (c) red, if the weighted rate is less than 300 but 100 or more;
 - (d) dark red, if the weighted rate is 300 or more;
 - (e) dark grey, if the testing rate is 600 or less;
 - (f) grey, if insufficient data is available to assess points (a) to (e).