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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

to prevent misuse of the EU Digital COVID Certificate by some Member States in restricting citizens' access to certain services and stifling the economic recovery

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution to prevent misuse of the EU Digital COVID Certificate by some Member States in restricting citizens' access to certain services and stifling the economic recovery

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Regulation (EU) No 2021/953,
- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the EU Digital COVID Certificate Regulation is based on Article 21 TFEU¹ and has the sole aim of facilitating the free movement of persons during the COVID-19 pandemic in the Schengen area;
- B. whereas the principle of non-discrimination is a fundamental value enshrined in the TFEU; whereas freedom of movement is essential;
- C. whereas several Member States have introduced differentiated access to public areas by requiring people to show a health pass;
- D. whereas there are many categories of people who, for various reasons, are not getting vaccinated;
- 1. Stresses that the EU certificate may not be used for purposes other than those laid down in Regulation (EU) 2021/953 and that, if Member States wish to do so, they should have a specific national legal basis for such measures;
- 2. Urges Member States to prevent misuse of the EU certificate in a manner that would restrict fundamental freedoms;
- 3. Urges the Commission to ensure that Member States do not require an EU certificate for access to essential services;
- 4. Calls on the Member States to bear the costs incurred by citizens who take swab tests.

¹ EU Regulation on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates