



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 111(3) of the Rules of Procedure

on the Commission delegated regulation of 21 December 2021 amending the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2021/953 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the acceptance period of vaccination certificates issued in the EU Digital COVID Certificate format indicating the completion of the primary vaccination series

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European Parliament resolution on the Commission delegated regulation of 21 December 2021 amending the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2021/953 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the acceptance period of vaccination certificates issued in the EU Digital COVID Certificate format indicating the completion of the primary vaccination series (C(2021)9920 – 2021/3056(DEA))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission delegated regulation (C(2021) 9920),
 - having regard to Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/953 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2021 on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates (EU Digital COVID Certificate) to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic, in particular its article 12,
 - having regard to Rule 111(3) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the purpose of Regulation (EU) 2021/953 is to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic while pursuing a high level of public health protection; whereas this must be achieved taking into account the principles of proportionality and non-discrimination; whereas the Regulation states that the EU Digital COVID Certificate should not be used to facilitate or encourage the adoption of restrictions to free movement, or restrictions to other fundamental rights, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, given their detrimental effects on Union citizens and businesses;
- B. whereas the EU Digital COVID Certificate is intended to give information to the Member States in order to facilitate free movement between EU Member States when border restrictions apply;
- C. whereas, in contravention of the objective of Regulation (EU) 2021/953, the EU Digital COVID Certificate is currently being used by many national, regional and local authorities in the Member States, as well as by the EU institutions, to restrict fundamental rights in order to force EU citizens to get vaccinated; whereas this is the intention behind this delegated act thus expanding the scope of the Regulation; whereas this use of the EU Digital COVID Certificate violates the agreement reached by the European Parliament and the Council;
1. Objects to the Commission delegated regulation;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and to notify it that the delegated regulation cannot enter into force;
 3. Calls on the Commission not to submit any new delegated act unless it genuinely

contributes to facilitate free movement as it is the only objective of this Regulation; moreover, calls on the Commission to urge the Governments of the Member States to stick to the scope of this Regulation or otherwise propose the end of its period of application;

4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and to the governments and parliaments of the Member States.