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Subject: Non-discriminatory treatment of children with regard to the EU digital COVID-19 certificate scheme – measures taken by the Council

According to paragraph 26 of the compromise package on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable certificates on vaccination, testing and recovery to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic (Digital Green Certificate), as agreed between the Council and Parliament in May 2021, ‘it is necessary to prevent direct or indirect discrimination against persons who are not vaccinated, for example because of medical reasons, because they are not part of the target group for which the vaccine is currently administered or allowed, such as children […]’

Paragraph 16 of the compromise text stipulates that ‘[...] Where relevant or appropriate, the certificates should be issued to another person on behalf of the vaccinated, tested or recovered person, for example to the legal guardian on behalf of legally incapacitated persons or to parents on behalf of their children. The certificates should not require legalisation or any other similar formalities.’

With regard to the above, we would like to ask what measures have been taken or are envisaged to be taken by the Council to ensure non-discriminatory treatment of children with regard to the EU digital COVID-19 certificate scheme?