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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2021/953 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 (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act = Statement
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Statement by Hungary

Hungary expresses its deep regret that throughout the legislative process the legitimate interest of many Hungarian citizens was not duly considered, and the regulation still does not guarantee the recognition of vaccines granted emergency authorisation by the Member States even if they are followed by the administration of vaccines authorized by the European Commission.

On the other hand, before the autumn-winter season when new waves may arise, Hungary recognizes the importance of extending the EU digital COVID certification scheme.

Therefore, Hungary acknowledges the adoption of the regulation while calling on the Member States that they equally recognize vaccination certificates issued upon all vaccines used in accordance with the EU legislation, including vaccines administered under emergency use authorisations.
