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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of San Marino presents its compliments to the Honourable Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia and has the honour to send a document (*Annex 1*) containing specimens of the following health certificates issued by the Social Security Institute of the Republic of San Marino (SMDCCs), a specimen of the COVID-19 vaccination card (*Annex 2*), as well as an informative report on the current COVID-19-related health situation in the Republic of San Marino (*Annex 3*).

With regard to the document in Annex 1, the certifications contained therein are listed below:

- a) *COVID-19 vaccination certificate*: valid for nine months and issued by the national health authority to all persons who have completed the vaccination cycle;
- b) *Certificate of recovery from COVID-19*: valid for six months from the date of recovery and issued at the request of the person concerned in paper or digital form by the national health authority;
- c) *Certificate of negative COVID-19 swab*: valid for 48 hours after the rapid molecular or antigen test has been performed and issued at the request of the person concerned in paper or digital form by the facilities authorised by the national health authority;
- d) *COVID-19 antibody test certificate*: valid for three months after the quantitative antibody test has been performed and issued at the request of the person concerned in paper or digital form by the facilities authorised by the national health authority.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of San Marino requests from the competent Authorities of Latvia confirmation of acceptance of the COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate issued by San Marino health authority (letter *a*). Similarly, with reference to the other health certificates mentioned above, it is requested to indicate which certificates (letters *b*, *c*, and *d*) are accepted by the competent Authorities of Latvia and, if necessary, it is proposed to conclude bilateral agreements on mutual recognition of the respective certificates.

The above certificates cease to be valid if during the period of validity the person concerned tests positive for SARS-CoV-2.

The new certificates, which will be issued soon by the Republic of San Marino, are based on two technologies:

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- a) The first technology complies with the European Union guidelines, where the "EU" QR Code is read by the verification application and the electronic signature of the authority authorised to sign is controlled through a public digital key. San Marino is working to access and share its public key in the European Interoperability Gateway. To this end, the Republic of San Marino has so far obtained access to the Test Gateway and hopes to soon reach the subsequent verification and then production phase through a specific bilateral agreement with the European Union. Individual bilateral agreements to exchange the public key are also possible.
- b) The second technology is based on a blockchain system and involves the presence in the certificate of a second QR code, defined as "universal". The information in this system is encrypted using blockchain coding, which allows sensitive data to be stored, authenticated and secured thanks to the extremely high security standards guaranteed by this data management system, which is already widely used in virtual financial transactions.

The Data Protection Authority of the Republic of San Marino has already examined and positively assessed the protocols used in the SMDCCs. These new certificates are expected to be adopted by July, in line with the EU's timing for its certificates.

The quantitative antibody test uses methods validated by the Food and Drug Administration of the United States of America and was conducted on several thousand San Marino residents, clearly showing the cases of recovered, vaccinated and never infected. Prior to the issuance of digital certificates, the Republic of San Marino issues a COVID-19 vaccination card (*Annex 2*) and vaccination and swab test certificates, the specimens of which are also herewith attached.

This Ministry informs that, for the purposes of entry into the Republic of San Marino, all SARS-CoV-2 vaccination certificates authorised by the national health authorities are recognised as valid. In this regard, it is requested that the specimen of the COVID-19 vaccination certificates issued by the Authorities of Latvia be sent.

While thanking in advance, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of San Marino avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Honourable Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia the assurances of its highest consideration.

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