

**Amendment 3****Juan Fernando López Aguilar**

on behalf of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

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—**C9-0100/2021**EU Digital COVID Certificate - third-country nationals  
(COM(2021)0140 – C9-0100/2021 – 2021/0071(COD))**Draft legislative resolution****Paragraph 1 a (new)***Draft legislative resolution**Amendment****1a. Takes note of the statement by the Commission annexed to this resolution;***

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For information, the statement reads as follows:

**STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSION**

“The Commission agrees that affordable and accessible COVID-19 vaccines and tests for SARS-CoV-2 infection are crucial in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. Taking into account that not the entire population will have been vaccinated when Regulations [...] and [...] of the European Parliament and of the Council enter into force, access to affordable and widely available testing possibilities is important to facilitate free movement and mobility in Europe.

To support Member States’ testing capacities, the Commission has already mobilised funds under the Emergency Support Instrument to purchase rapid antigen tests and has launched a joint procurement for over half a billion rapid antigen tests. The International Federation of Red Cross is also supporting Member States to increase testing capacity, using funding from the Emergency Support Instrument.

To further support the availability of affordable tests, in particular for persons who cross borders daily or frequently to go to work or school, visit close relatives, seek medical care, or to take

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<sup>+</sup> OJ please insert the numbers of the regulations that are the subject of COD 2021/68 and COD 2021/71.  
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care of loved ones, the Commission commits to mobilise additional funds of EUR 100 million under the Emergency Support Instrument for the purchase of tests for SARS-CoV-2 infection that qualify for the issuance of a test certificate pursuant to Regulation [...]++. If necessary, additional funding above EUR 100 million could be mobilised, subject to approval by the budgetary authority.”