THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS,

HAVING REGARD TO Decision No 29/2021 of the President of the European Committee of the Regions of 20 December 2021 on specific health and safety measures pertaining to the functioning of the European Committee of the Regions during the COVID-19 pandemic ("Decision No 29/2021"), and in particular Articles 5(1) and (3) thereof,

HAVING REGARD TO Decision No 3/2022 of the Secretary-General of the European Committee of the Regions of 14 January 2022 laying down implementing measures for Decision No 29/2021 of the
President of the European Committee of the Regions of 20 December 2021 on specific health and safety measures pertaining to the functioning of the European Committee of the Regions during the COVID-19 pandemic ("Decision No 3/2022"),

WHEREAS:
(1) Pursuant to Article 5(1) of Decision No 29/2021, the Secretary-General is empowered to issue instructions to further specify and give effect to any provision of that Decision.
(2) Pursuant to Article 5(3) of Decision No 29/2021, the Secretary-General is empowered to suspend in whole or in part the application of Article 4 of that Decision where the health and safety situation no longer requires such implementation.
(3) On 21 February 2022, the medical officer of the European Committee of the Regions ("the Medical Officer") advised in favour of discontinuing the verification of the EU Digital COVID Certificate ("EUDCC") currently carried out by EUDCC Screening Operators ("ESOs").

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(4) On 22 February 2022, the members of the crisis management team of the European Committee of the Regions ("the CMT") recommended progressively discontinuing the verification of EUDCCs.
(5) In light of the current epidemiological situation in Belgium, and with due consideration to the opinion of the Medical Officer and the recommendations of the CMT, the Secretary-General deems it appropriate to instruct staff to comply with the following measures.

HAS ISSUED THIS INSTRUCTION:
Sole Article
Suspension

1. The application of Article 4(4) of Decision No 29/2021 shall be suspended for badge holders who enter the verified-access areas referred to in Article 2(1)(b), second indent1, of Decision No 3/2022.
2. ESOs shall no longer carry out a verification of the EUDCCs of the badge holders referred to in paragraph 1.
3. Organising entities shall no longer have to inform the Security Service in advance of any forthcoming verified-access area(s) referred
4. The head of the Security Service shall monitor compliance with this Instruction.
5. This Instruction shall enter into force on the day of its issuance and shall lapse on 30 April 2022.

Done at Brussels, 7 March 2022.

Petr Blížkovský

1 Any activity venue within the Committee’s premises that is scheduled to accommodate at least fifty (50) persons.