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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Italian Republic, Diplomatic Ceremonial Office, hereby presents its compliments to all accredited diplomatic representations and, in view of the upcoming forty-third session of the Governing Council of IFAD, has the honour of communicating the following:

- 1. The Italian National Civil Aviation Authority (ENAC) has informed us that, on the instructions of the Office of the President of the Council of Ministers and the Minister of Health, and until such time as they are no longer required, health checks involving a body scan are operational and mandatory for all passengers arriving at Fiumicino Airport in Rome from any destination, whether domestic or international. These checks are required as a precautionary health protection measure against Coronavirus. The body scan checkpoints are located in the Arrivals area of Terminal 1; Schengen Arrivals Terminal 3 (formerly Terminal 2); and non-Schengen Arrivals Terminal 3, at Leonardo da Vinci Airport.
- 2. In view of the foregoing, visiting dignitaries and their delegations arriving at Terminals 1 and 3 Schengen (as passengers on European or domestic flights) will not be able to make use of the ENAC state ceremonial courtesy lounge, as they will be required to present themselves at the Arrivals area of the respective terminal to undergo the mandatory health check. Authorized dignitaries arriving exclusively at the non-Schengen Arrivals area of Terminal 3 may continue to use the ENAC state ceremonial courtesy lounge once they have undergone the aforesaid health check.
- 3. In light of the indications in point 2 above, airport courtesy requests for authorized individuals shall be processed in consideration of the said provisions, until such time as they change or are no longer needed. Airport courtesy requests already approved shall be valid solely and exclusively in cases where the arrivals take place at the non-Schengen Arrivals area of Terminal 3.

Accordingly, all diplomatic representations are kindly asked to submit any subsequent airport courtesy requests through the CERI online platform in strict compliance with the provisions of this Note Verbale.

In thanking representations for their kind cooperation and full adherence to the foregoing, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Diplomatic Ceremonial Office, conveys the assurances of its highest consideration.

To: Accredited Foreign Diplomatic Representations