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**Letter Concerning e-Residency Programme's
continuation**

To Whom It May Concern,

The Republic of Estonia is a member of the EU and NATO and one of the world's most digitally transformed countries. Estonia's e-Residency programme was launched in December 2014 by the Estonian Government and is financed from the state budget. The programme allows individuals residing outside of Estonia to apply for and obtain an e-resident digital identification (ID) card that facilitates electronic identification and therefore enables remote/borderless access to all Estonian business-related e-services as well as facilitates secure digital signing.

The e-Residency programme is globally recognised as the first and most expansive national initiative of its kind. It offers foreign nationals the opportunity to acquire an Estonian government-backed e-resident digital ID card, thereby providing access to Estonia's unique digital society, where approximately 99% of public services are available online. This accessibility significantly democratises cross-border entrepreneurship and fosters a global ecosystem of startups, SMEs, sole proprietors, and digital nomads.

Estonian e-residents, through their individual digital ID cards, can establish and manage European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA) companies online, independent of geographical location. The services associated with e-Residency are continuously evolving to meet the needs of its global community. In addition, e-residents also benefit from the e-Residency Virtual Marketplace, an ecosystem of various trusted business service providers including currently over 130 international companies.

As of today, the e-resident community comprises individuals from over 180 countries worldwide, with over 110,000 individuals having obtained e-Residency status over time. Since the spring of 2020, Spain has emerged as one of the fastest-growing markets for the e-Residency

programme. The level of engagement among Spanish citizens in applying for e-residency is among the highest worldwide, and the proportion of Spanish citizens forming Estonian companies as e-residents remains consistently higher than in most other markets.

In spring 2022, the Republic of Estonia's Government ratified the growth strategy for the e-Residency programme until 2025. The activities outlined in this growth strategy include market validation in target countries, product development, and ambitious expansion efforts. The current three primary target countries for the e-Residency programme include the UK, Spain and Germany. Should you require further information regarding the e-Residency programme or related matters, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With best regards,

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