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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania, National Visa Center, presents its compliments to the Embassy of Japan in Bucharest and, in reference to Note Verbale N°39/2020, has the honour to bring to the attention of the Embassy the following:

With a view to ensuring interinstitutional coordination as regards the putting into effect of the provisions of Article 2 Paragraph (2) of Annex 3 to *Government Decision N°553/2020*, a point of view was requested on behalf of the Romanian Border Police.

As of such, by equivalence to the information conveyed by the National Visa Center on the occasion of the latest meeting with the representatives of the Esteemed Embassy, via document N°D3/S1/PM/430590/27.07.2020, the Romanian Border Police officially confirms that provided all legal entry conditions are met¹, entry into Romania is allowed for citizens of Japan, as well as for third-state nationals who are legal residents of Japan, who travel to Romania from Japan, irrespective of the purpose of their trip.

Entry into Romania is thus allowed when all entry conditions are met, given that, as per the above-mentioned legal basis, upon entry into force of *Government Decision N°553/2020*, Romanian authorities have lifted the temporary restrictions on non-essential travels for the nationals of the states listed in the Council Recommendations on the temporary restriction on non-essential travel into the EU and the possible lifting of such restriction², as well as for third-state nationals who are legal residents of those states and travel to Romania from said states.

In the particular case of Japanese nationals, entry into Romania is allowed without an entry visa, given that Japanese nationals are exempt from both the short and the long-stay visa requirement for Romania.

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¹ In line with the provisions of Article 6 of *Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code)*;

² The latest of which is, at the current date, *Council Recommendation 2020/0134 (NLE) amending Council Recommendation (EU) 2020/912 on the temporary restriction on non-essential travel into the EU and the possible lifting of such restriction* - which lists Japan in Annex I, as one of the third-states for which the temporary travel restrictions on non-essential travels are lifted.

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Moreover, the Romanian Border Police confirms that on the grounds of Article 3 Paragraph (1) Point c) of Annex 3 to *Government Decision N°553/2020*, provided the previously mentioned entry conditions are met, entry into Romania is equally allowed for Japanese nationals who hold a valid residence permit issued by a Member State of the European Union and who travel to Romania from the issuing European Union.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania, National Visa Center, avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of Japan in Bucharest, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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