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Dear Minister,

The COVID-19 crisis has brought extraordinary, unforeseen challenges to our societies and affected our education and training systems in numerous ways.

At the informal ministerial videoconferences organised by the Croatian Presidency of the Council of the EU during the past several months, we discussed many of the most relevant challenges, including the issue of student mobility and enrolment of international students to higher education institutions in our Member States.

During our discussions, it became evident that, in their responses to the COVID-19 crisis, Member States have opted for different approaches according to their national circumstances, which may also have affected the dates of secondary school leaving examination and, consequently, the enrolment to higher education institutions, including for international students.

As mobility has always been central to European cooperation, giving students unique opportunities to expand their competences and broaden their horizons, I believe we should continue making efforts to support our students in their endeavours to pursue a cross-border learning experience.

In this respect, I would like to inform you that in Croatia, the preliminary results of secondary school leaving examination are foreseen to be available on 13 July, and the final results will be published on 20 July. The award of secondary school certification is envisaged to take place on 22 July. It would be highly appreciated if, with full respect to their competence and autonomy, authorities and higher education institutions in your country could take this into account when processing students' admission requests.

I would be grateful if this information could be communicated to higher education institutions in your country, for their consideration. In case of need for additional information, please feel free to contact me via ministrice@mzo.hr.

Yours sincerely,

