NOTE VERBALE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea presents its compliments to all the Diplomatic Missions and International Organizations accredited to the Republic of Korea and has the honor to inform the latter that the Government of the Republic of Korea has decided to apply the Special Entry Procedure, which has covered passengers from dozens of countries, including China, Japan, Iran and European nations, to all travelers entering Korea from abroad, regardless of nationality, in an effort to prevent further inflow of COVID-19. This measure will come into effect from 00:00 hours on 19 March 2020.

The Special Entry Procedure requires in-bound travelers to undergo fever checks and submit the Health Declaration and the Travel Record Declaration when they arrive at the entry hall of an international airport. Travelers need to provide their contact information and address in Korea in the Travel Record Declaration. Korean immigration officials check, on site, whether the travelers can be reached via the phone number provided. Entry will be denied if they do not provide a reachable phone number.

In addition, in-bound travelers are required to install the Self Diagnosis App on their smartphones and report their health status every day through the app for 14 days. If they show early symptoms of COVID-19 infection for two consecutive days, the Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (KCDC) and local authorities will follow up to take necessary measures.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all the Diplomatic Missions and International Organizations accredited to the Republic of Korea the assurances of its highest consideration.

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