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- *Statement by the Polish delegation*
- *Declaration by the Luxembourg delegation*
- *Statement by the Austrian delegation*

Oświadczenie Polski

Równość kobiet i mężczyzn została zapisana w traktatach Unii Europejskiej jako podstawowe prawo. Polska zapewnia równość kobiet i mężczyzn w ramach polskiego krajowego systemu prawnego zgodnie z międzynarodowymi traktatami praw człowieka oraz w ramach podstawowych wartości i zasad Unii Europejskiej. Z tych powodów w wyrażeniach zawierających termin płeć (gender), Polska będzie interpretowała ją jako równość kobiet i mężczyzn zgodnie z art. 8 TFUE.

Courtesy translation

Statement by Poland

Equality between women and men is enshrined in the treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Poland ensures equality between women and men within the framework of the Polish national legal system in accordance with internationally binding human rights instruments and within the framework of fundamental values and principles of the European Union. For these reasons, in wordings referring to gender Poland will interpret it as a equality between women and men, according to Article 8 TFEU.

LU Declaration

Le Luxembourg reste, de manière générale, très critique en ce qui concerne le financement des activités de recherche nucléaire par l'Union européenne. Le Luxembourg souhaiterait qu'une orientation des fonds européens, davantage axée sur les énergies renouvelables, soit exploitée à l'avenir. La proposition de 'Règlement du Conseil établissant le programme de recherche et de formation de la Communauté européenne de l'énergie atomique pour la période 2021-2025 complétant le programme-cadre pour la recherche et l'innovation "Horizon Europe"', ne préconisant pas une telle orientation, la position du Luxembourg reste inchangée. Malgré les réticences quant au contenu de cette décision, le Luxembourg est cependant en mesure de lever sa réserve générale et s'abstient par conséquent du vote.

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Luxembourg remains, in general, very critical towards the funding of nuclear research activities by the European Union. Luxembourg would like a reorientation of European funds, more focused on renewable energies, to be exploited in the future. Since the proposal of the 'Council Regulation establishing the European the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community for the period 2021 – 2025 complementing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation' does not advocate such a reorientation, Luxembourg's position remains unchanged. Despite the reluctance as to the content of this Regulation, Luxembourg is however able to lift its general reservation and abstains therefore from the vote.

Statement by Austria

The Euratom Research and Training Programme 2021-2025 continues to put an emphasis on the improvement of nuclear safety, security and radiation protection. In addition, the programme aims at complementing the achievements of Horizon Europe's non-nuclear objectives, inter alia in the context of the energy transition. Austria understands this provision of the Euratom Research and Training Programme as a requirement for relevant nuclear research to duly justify its activities with regard to their contribution to a successful non-nuclear energy transition to which Horizon Europe contributes in the coming years.

Austria recalls its view that the energetic use of nuclear fission is neither a viable nor a cost efficient nor a sustainable option to combat the greenhouse effect. Austria does not support EU funding or any supportive framework on European level for nuclear power plants. As the compromise text achieved at political level still displays ambiguity in this regard, Austria, in line with its long-standing political consensus at national level, abstains.
