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Subject: Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States
- Adoption
- Statement by Poland

Delegations will find attached a statement by Poland in relation to the above-mentioned subject.

**STATEMENT BY POLAND REGARDING
THE COUNCIL DECISION ON GUIDELINES FOR THE
EMPLOYMENT POLICIES OF THE MEMBER STATES**

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 place where the document refers to gender equality Poland will interpret it as equality between women and men, according to Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union and the Article 8 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
