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Statement by Hungary

Hungary recognizes and promotes equality between women and men in accordance with the Fundamental Law of Hungary, and the primary law, principles and values of the European Union, as well as commitments and principles stemming from international law.

Furthermore, equality between women and men is enshrined as a fundamental value in the Treaties of the European Union, in particular in Article 2 of the TEU and Article 8 of the TFEU.

In line with these and its national legislation, Hungary interprets the concept of "gender" as reference to "sex" and the concept of "gender equality" as reference to the "equality between women and men".

Regarding the equality of opportunity and social inclusion, Hungary supports the bottom-up approach in empowering under-represented groups instead of the top-down quota-based access.