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Statement by Hungary

Hungary states that equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union as a fundamental value. Hungary ensures equality between women and men within the framework of the Hungarian 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, Hungary interprets the concept ‘gender equality’ as a reference to ‘equality between women and men’ in the Draft Decision (EU)2021/... of the European Parliament and of the Council on a European Year of Youth (2022).

Furthermore Hungary declares that the Commission's Communication on EU strategy on the rights of the child (hereinafter referred to as "Strategy"), mentioned in this Decision, should be interpreted with due regard to national competences and the specific circumstances in each Member State.

Statement by Poland

The Republic of Poland understands 'gender equality' as referring to equality between women and men as established in Articles 2 and 3 TEU.

In addition, the Republic of Poland understands 'gender' as 'sex' in accordance with Article 10, Article 19(1) and Article 157(2) and (4) TFEU.