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**Statement by Hungary on the draft Council conclusions on the European Court of Auditors’
Special Report No 21/2023 on the Spotlight Initiative to eliminate violence against women and
girls**

The adoption of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and the Beijing Platform for Action marked a remarkable consensus. They placed the enjoyment of human rights at the heart of development and important gains in the fields of health, gender equality and education have been achieved since their adoption. These fields are at the core of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development incorporating as founding principles the universal respect for human rights and human dignity, the rule of law, justice, equality and non-discrimination.

Hungary remains dedicated to its commitments in the field of human rights, including the rights of women. We are deeply committed to the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action and Beijing Platform for Action as well as the 2030 Agenda, serving also as basic references in the fields of sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights.

The term of “sexual and reproductive health and rights” and related issues like “sexual rights”, “comprehensive sexuality education” are lacking consensual definition at international level, including within the European Union. These issues are interpreted and promoted by Hungary in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the ICPD Programme of Action and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, in line with relevant national legislations. The above mentioned terms and issues are interpreted accordingly in the *European Court of Auditors’ Special Report No. 21/2023 on the Spotlight Initiative to eliminate Violence against Women and Girls*, as well.