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SUMMARY RECORD

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE

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Statements to the "II" item set out in doc. 6324/23

Justice and Home Affairs

37. Council Decisions on the conclusion, on behalf of the EU, of the
Istanbul Convention
Agreement in principle
Preparation for the request for the consent of the European
Parliament

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Statement by the Commission

“The Commission welcomes the progress achieved in the Council towards the conclusion on behalf of the European Union, of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence with regard to institutions and public administration of the Union and to matters related to judicial cooperation in criminal matters, asylum and non-refoulement.

The Commission however regrets that, in the light of the existing comprehensive body of relevant legislation, its actions to combat violence against women and its leading role on gender equality in general, the Council did not choose to send a stronger signal on the coherence of the Union’s external and internal policy by ensuring the widest-possible incorporation of the Convention in the Union acquis. A wider scope would have harnessed the EU's already existing legislative framework of action against violence and to provide a stable and sustainable foundation for activating Union resources for specific areas of the Convention.”

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Foreign Affairs

52. Conclusions on EU priorities in UN Human Rights Fora 2023 5186/23
Approval COHOM

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 Polish national legal system in accordance with international human rights treaties and within the framework of the fundamental values and principles of the European Union.

For these reasons, the expression “gender equality” will be interpreted by Poland as referring to the equality between women and men, in accordance with Article 2 and 3 of the Treaty on European Union and Article 8, 153 and 157 para. 3 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. In connection with the above, the remaining expressions containing the term “gender” will be interpreted by Poland as “sex”, in accordance with Article 10, Article 19 para 1 and Article 157 para 2 and 4 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.”

53. Political declaration for the fifth session of the 6203/23
Intergovernmental Conference on Biodiversity Beyond National COMAR
Jurisdiction
Approval

Statement by Denmark

“Denmark interprets the political declaration as concerning capacity building in general and not financial contributions.”

54. Conclusions on a renewed EU Great Lakes strategy 6245/23
Approval COAFR

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 Polish national legal system in accordance with international human rights treaties and within the framework of the fundamental values and principles of the European Union.

For these reasons, the expression “gender equality” will be interpreted by Poland as equality between women and men, in accordance with Article 2 and 3 of the Treaty on European Union and Article 8 and 157 para 3 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and the remaining expressions containing the term “gender” will be interpreted by Poland as “sex”, in accordance with Article 10, Article 19 para 1 and Article 157 para 2 and 4 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.”

62. Operation plan for the European Union mission in Armenia
Approval

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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 the 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”. With this in mind, Hungary does not consider the specific elements of the text at hand as agreed language and a basis for future negotiations.”
