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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing the Reform and Growth Facility for the Republic of Moldova **(first reading)** - Adoption of the legislative act = Statements

Statement by Hungary

Hungary recognises and promotes equality between men and women 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. Equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union as a fundamental value. In line with these and its national legislation, Hungary interprets gender as providing equal chances and opportunities for women and men. 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 'providing equal chances and opportunities for women and men' in the Regulation on establishing the Reform and Growth Facility for the Republic of Moldova.

Statement by the Commission

In order to preserve adequate funding for other priorities under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe, the Commission will fund the additional EUR 100 million non-repayable support available for the Reform and Growth Facility for the Republic of Moldova through redeployment of unused funds under the budget line for macro-financial assistance grants (EUR 40 million), redeployment within the NDICI-GE Eastern Neighbourhood budget line (EUR 37 million), and from the NDICI-GE Emerging challenges and priorities cushion (EUR 23 million) in line with the provisions of the EU Financial Regulation.