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OF THE COUNCIL on the statute and funding of European political parties  
and European political foundations (recast)  
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### **Statement by Hungary**

Hungary agrees with the French Presidency's compromise for a Council mandate on the Commission's recast proposal of the Regulation on the European political parties and foundations. Indeed, we are pleased to see the Member States' accordance on protecting the European politics from external influence and on respecting the Member States' competence regarding national referendums. Through the efforts made at working group level the Council was able to make refinements in the text and addressed the issues that emerged from the Commission's proposal in terms of subsidiarity and the division of competences. Hungary is of the opinion though that the Council's work on formulating its position would be greatly facilitated if the Commission's proposals paid more attention to the compliance of the intended provisions with the Treaty-based principles.

Despite the generally positive approach to the text, Hungary considers that by comprising provisions for the national parties, the proposed Council mandate does not comply with the division of competences, thus intervenes in an area that falls within the exclusive competence of the Member States. Our position remains solid on the fact that regulating national parties is an unshared right of the Member States, thus we take this consideration primal in the interpretation of the Council mandate.

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### **Statement by Poland**

Poland understands the formulation "gender balance" as referring to the equal representation of women and men, in line with Art. 2 of the Treaty on European Union and Art. 23 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU.