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Statements to the "I" items set out in doc. 6874/1/23 REV 1

Foreign Affairs

56. EU-Albania Stabilisation and Association Council
(16 March 2023)
Establishment of the EU position

6700/23
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Statement by Poland

“Poland underlines the importance of observing Treaty regulations and maintaining legal clarity – and is concerned with increasingly more prevalent tendencies to substitute treaty language with non-treaty language. The Treaty on the European Union very clearly establishes ‘equality between women and men’ as one of the EU core principles. There is no justification to redefine this principle and use non-treaty terms instead. Therefore, Poland proposed relevant amendment in order to restore full conformity of the proposed text with the EU law.

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.

Furthermore, Poland underlines the importance of respecting the procedures for adoption of any documents by the Council, which should always be observed and not circumvented via other mechanisms, especially if the consensus among Member States has not been reached. In this context, Poland underlines that the Gender Action Plan III has not been adopted by the Council – and unless that changes, Poland rejects any attempt to endorse, certify or otherwise positively assess it via other acts adopted by the Council.”

57. EU Priorities UN Global Counterterrorism Strategy (GCTS)
Review 2023
Approval

6704/23
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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.

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