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Statement by Hungary

Hungary recognizes 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 the international law. Furthermore, 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 the concept of 'gender' as reference to 'sex' and the concept of 'gender equality' as reference to 'providing equal rights, chances and opportunities for women and men' in the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on general product safety, amending Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Directive (EU) 2020/1828 of the European Parliament and the Council and repealing Directive 2001/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Directive 87/357/EEC.

Statement by Spain and France

France and Spain fully support the goals of the General Product Safety Regulation and welcome the updating and improvements of product safety legislation to make sure it matches the new more digital and technological reality.

However, we expected a higher level of ambition with regard to regulating the role of providers of online marketplaces in preventing the reappearance on the market of already notified dangerous products.

Throughout the last decade, the role of providers of online marketplaces in the distribution of products into the Union market has grown rapidly. Although some of them have voluntary commitments and internal policies focused on product safety and most of them usually take down unsafe products when informed, they too often reappear and the existing tools have proven not to be effective enough to prevent it. This reflects a complex and challenging consumer enforcement environment that requires a more proactive approach, making better use of the possibilities offered by technology to perform ex ante random checks in an automatized way.

Hence, we we will closely monitor the implementation of the GPSR in conextion with the DSA and we expect that further responsabilites for providers of online marketplaces in regards to product safety will be considered in future proposals.