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- *Statement by the Hungarian delegation*

Delegations will find in Annex a statement from the Hungarian delegation to be included in the minutes of the EPSCO (Health) Council of 30 November 2023.

STATEMENT BY HUNGARY ON THE DRAFT COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS ON MENTAL HEALTH

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 the term ‘gender’ as a reference to sex and the concept of ‘gender equality’ as reference to ‘providing equal rights and opportunities to women and men’ in the draft Council conclusions on mental health.

Hungary declares that the Commission’s communication on ‘Union of Equality: LGBTIQ Equality Strategy 2020-2025’, mentioned in footnote of the draft Council conclusions on mental health, should be interpreted with due regard to national competences and the specific circumstances in each Member State.
