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Subject:	END OF WRITTEN PROCEDURE Council Resolution on a strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training towards the European Education Area and beyond (2021-2030) - Approval

Delegations are informed that the written procedure, opened by CM 1584/21 of 17 February 2021, was completed on 18 February 2021 at 17:00 and that all delegations agreed to the approval of the draft Council Resolution on a strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training towards the European Education Area and beyond (2021-2030) as set out in doc. 6125/21 REV 2.

Therefore, the above Council Resolution is approved, and will now be published in the Official Journal as agreed by the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) on 17 February 2021.

The statements by Hungary and Poland are reproduced in the Annex to this CM. The above statements will be included in the summary of acts adopted by the written procedure as statements to be entered in the Council minutes, in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

Statement from Hungary

Hungary declares that the Commission's Communication on a Union of Equality: Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025 mentioned on page 4 of the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on achieving the European Education Area by 2025 (30 September 2020), which is referred to on page 6, page 20, and on page 29 of the Council Resolution, should be interpreted with due regard to national competences and the specific circumstances in each Member State. "In all their diversity" on page 16 of the Commission's Communication on achieving the European Education Area by 2025, can only be interpreted as set out in Article 22 CFREU.

In addition, Hungary declares that the Commission's Communications on a Union of Equality: LGBTIQ Equality Strategy 2020-2025 and on a Union of Equality: Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025 mentioned on page 6 and 8 in the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Action plan on Integration and Inclusion 2021-2027 (referred to in para 43 of Annex I of the Council Resolution) should also be interpreted with due regard to national competences and the specific circumstances in each Member State.

Statement from 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 framework of the Polish national legal system in accordance with internationally binding human rights instruments and within the framework of fundamental values and principles of the European Union. For these reasons, in place where the resolution refers to "gender" Poland will interpret it as meaning women and men, in accordance with Article 8 TFEU.
