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Subject:	Draft Council Conclusions on Mainstreaming Ageing in Public Policies - End of written procedure

1. Delegations are informed that the written procedure, opened by CM 1696/21 of 10 March 2021 was completed on 12 March 2021 at 17h00 and that all delegations agreed to the approval of the Draft Council Conclusions on Mainstreaming Ageing in Public Policies, as set out in doc. 6463/2/21 REV 2 + 6463/3/21 REV 3 (de).
2. Therefore, the above Council conclusions are approved.
3. The statements by Hungary and Poland are reproduced in the Annex to this CM.
4. 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 of Hungary on the
Council Conclusions on „Mainstreaming Ageing in Public Policies”**

Hungary fully supports the aims of the Council Conclusions, that shed light on a very important aspect of demographic change: population ageing. The draft conclusions offer a broad, horizontal view of this phenomenon, and suggest many suitable policy responses, allowing for a real mainstreaming of ageing.

In paragraph 44, the text now reads: *“ADOPT an age-integrated approach including a rights-based and a life-cycle perspective to ageing, bearing in mind and addressing diversity and variety of needs of women and men in an open society for all ages, taking into account the dual approach of mainstreaming ageing: the ageing of the population with the responsibility for society to prepare and adapt to the individual needs of citizens, throughout their lives; continue encouraging and enabling active, healthy ageing;”*

Hungary interprets the term of “diversity” in this paragraph, to refer to the needs of women and men.

**STATEMENT BY POLAND
ON CONCLUSIONS ON MAINSTREAMING AGEING IN PUBLIC POLICIES**

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 conclusions refer to “gender” Poland will interpret it as meaning women and men, in accordance with Article 8 TFEU.
