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Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing a Programme for the Union's action in the field of health ('EU4Health Programme') for the period 2021-2027, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 282/2014 [2020/0102 (COD)] Outcome of the written procedure initiated by CM 2124/21: – Adoption of the legislative act

Delegations are informed that the written procedure, opened by CM 2124/21 of 12 March 2021 was completed on 17 March 2021 and that all delegations voted in favour of the adoption of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Programme for the Union's action in the field of health ('EU4Health Programme') for the period 2021-2027, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 282/2014, as set out in PE-CONS 69/20.

The required qualified majority has been reached. Therefore, the above Regulation is adopted.

The statements by Hungary and Poland are reproduced in the Annex to this CM and 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 by Hungary

Equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Hungary ensures equality between women and men within the framework of the Hungarian 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, Hungary interprets the concept of "gender" in the text of the regulation as a reference to sex.

Statement by Poland

In relation to the Regulation on EU4Health Programme, Poland understands wording “gender equality” as referring to “equality between women and men”, in line with art. 2 and art. 3 of the Treaty on European Union. Also Poland understands wording “gender” as referring to “sex” in line with art. 10, art. 19 para 1 and art. 157 para 2 and 4 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
