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- Adoption of the legislative act
= Statement

Joint statement by Hungary and Poland

Equality between women and men is enshrined in the treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Hungary and Poland ensure equality between women and men within the framework of the Hungarian and Polish national legal systems in accordance with internationally binding human rights instruments and within the framework of fundamental values and principles of the European Union. Therefore, Hungary and Poland understand 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.