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- Preparation for the approval
- Statement by Poland
- Statement by Hungary

Delegations will find attached a statement by Poland in relation to the above draft conclusions, followed by a courtesy English translation, and a statement by Hungary.

**OŚWIADCZENIE POLSKI DO
KONKLUZJI W SPRAWIE SPRAWOZDANIA SPECJALNEGO EUROPEJSKIEGO
TRYBUNAŁU OBRACHUNKOWEGO NR 10/2021 W SPRAWIE UWZGLĘDNIANIA
ASPEKTU PŁCI W BUDŻECIE UE**

Równość kobiet i mężczyzn została zapisana w traktatach Unii Europejskiej jako podstawowe prawo. Polska zapewnia równość kobiet i mężczyzn w ramach polskiego krajowego systemu prawnego zgodnie z międzynarodowymi traktatami praw człowieka oraz w ramach podstawowych wartości i zasad Unii Europejskiej. Z tych powodów, wyrażenie "gender equality" Polska będzie interpretowała jako równość kobiet i mężczyzn, zgodnie z art. 2 i 3 Traktatu o Unii Europejskiej oraz art. 8 i 157 para 3 Traktatu o Funkcjonowaniu Unii Europejskiej. W związku z powyższym, pozostałe wyrażenia zawierające termin "gender", Polska będzie interpretowała jako płeć ("sex"), zgodnie z art. 10, art. 19 para 1 oraz art. 157 para 2 i 4 Traktatu o Funkcjonowaniu Unii Europejskiej.

**STATEMENT BY POLAND ON
CONCLUSIONS ON EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS SPECIAL REPORT 10/2021
ON GENDER MAINSTREAMING IN THE EU BUDGET**

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. Therefore, Poland understands "gender equality" as referring to "equality between men and women", in accordance with art. 2 and 3 of the Treaty on the European Union and art. 8 and 157 (3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. Consequently, Poland understand any remaining wording containing "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.

– Statement by Hungary –

Hungary declares that the Commission’s Communication on a Union of Equality: Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025 (hereinafter referred to as “Strategy”), mentioned in these Council Conclusions, should be interpreted with due regard to national competences and the specific circumstances in each Member State. Furthermore Hungary states that 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“ as reference to sex and concept of „gender equality“ as reference to the equality between men and women.
