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ANNEX

NATIONAL STATEMENT BY HUNGARY

on the COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS ON EQUALITY AS A DRIVER FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND COMPETITIVENESS IN THE EU

Hungary recognises and promotes equality between men and women in accordance with the Fundamental Law of Hungary and the primary law, principles and values of the European Union, as well as commitments and principles stemming from international law. Equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union as a fundamental value. In line with these and its national legislation, Hungary interprets gender equality as providing equal chances and opportunities for women and men. Within this and in line with these and its national legislation, Hungary interprets the concept of 'gender' as reference to 'sex' in the *Council Conclusions on equality as a driver of economic growth and competitiveness in the EU.*

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Statement of the Republic of Slovenia regarding the Council Conclusions on Equality as a Driver for Economic Growth and Competitiveness in the EU

Slovenia understands the term “gender equality” in the Council Conclusions on Equality as a Driver for Economic Growth and Competitiveness in the EU as “equality between women and men” as referred to in Articles 2 and 3 of the Treaty on European Union and Article 8 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. Accordingly, references to gender equality will be interpreted by Slovenia in this sense.

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