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Item 11b): Draft Council conclusions: Response to the Commission's list of actions to advance LGBTI equality
- *Adoption*

STATEMENT BY HUNGARY

Hungary remains dedicated to ensure human rights to everyone without discrimination on the basis of the Fundamental Law. In this context Hungary states that the Commission's List of Actions to advance LGBTI Equality cannot be interpreted as imposing on Member States any obligation to introduce into their national legal systems institutions that are not in conformity with their constitutional order or to extend the scope of provisions peculiar to marriage.

Hungary invokes the Fundamental Law of Hungary under which marriage is the union of a man and a woman established by voluntary decision. For this reason we state that the understanding of marriage exclusively as a union between a man and a woman and its preferential treatment as opposed to other forms of partnership may not be considered discriminatory.

The Hungarian national legal system ensures wide-ranging rights for LGBTI persons in accordance with basic human rights and the framework of the most fundamental values and principles of the European Union, as confirmed by the latest report of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA) from May 2016.