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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR JUSTICE AND CONSUMERS

Directorate D – Equality and Non-Discrimination
Unit D.3 – Gender Equality

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Dear Organisation,

Equality between women and men is a founding value of the European Union, it is an indispensable pillar of our democracy, and it is at the heart of social fairness.

Your organisation is playing a key role in promoting gender equality and social rights for women, and I thank you for your constructive cooperation with my services. We have the common aim of shaping the EU's policies and actions in a way that would acknowledge and harness the potential of women as active players in our societies and economies.

At a time where the EU needs all its talents to maintain its productivity and competitiveness, where democracy is under challenge, and where some worrying trends against women's rights can be observed across the world, we need to reiterate, re-affirm and reinforce our commitment to women's rights and gender equality. A long-term vision and commitment on how to ensure the consistent respect and the protection of women's rights across the EU and beyond is needed more than ever.

With the [Declaration of principles for a gender-equal society](#), proposed on 7th of March, the European Commission has reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to gender equality.

This Declaration has the ambition to become our common framework, guiding policy makers at all levels and acting as a reference point for stakeholders when shaping their actions, both in the EU and beyond.

Commissioner Lahbib now invites the EU political institutions, the EU Member States and all stakeholders active in the field of gender equality and women's rights, to endorse the eight principles on women's rights and related policy objectives set out in the Declaration.

With this message, we therefore warmly invite you to reiterate, reaffirm and reinforce the commitment to gender equality by expressing your endorsement to the Declaration. The Commission intends to publish the list of endorsing organisations at a celebratory event on 16 October in Brussels.

I would appreciate if you could inform us by 1 September 2025 if your organisation is willing endorse the Roadmap. Please send your reply to JUST-D3@ec.europa.eu.

We look forward to continue joining forces with you to strengthen and step up our action to promote women's rights.

Yours sincerely,

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