

Decision 2019/3 – Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017 and Report of the Board of Auditors

As adopted on 12 February 2019

The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the financial period that ended on 31 December 2017;
2. *Takes note* of the seventh unqualified audit opinion issued by the Board of Auditors on the financial statements of UN-Women for the year ended 31 December 2017;
3. *Notes with appreciation* the high implementation rate of audit recommendations to date and encourages UN-Women to continue increasing the rate of implementation even further;
4. *Requests* UN-Women to prioritize the implementation of the five main audit recommendations identified by the United Nations Board of Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2017 on the need to: make the entity inclusive of and accessible to staff with disabilities; ensure field offices comply with the organization-wide risk assessment plan and provide staff with fraud assessment awareness training; and address the findings related to implementing partners, including strengthening field offices' capacity to address these issues;
5. *Further requests* UN-Women to fully address the four outstanding recommendations from the 2016 report of the United Nations Board of Auditors;
6. *Takes note* of the updated management response of UN-Women to the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the financial period that ended on 31 December 2017.