

Closing remarks by United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women, at the First regular session of the UN Women Executive Board

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[As delivered]

I would like to thank Madame President Pennelope Beckles and her Bureau for leading us through this session so effectively. I also thank all the delegates for their active participation, including your deliberation and agreement on the decisions, which is highly appreciated.

We have noted your concerns in the statements that were made by 24 Member States, including one statement made by Norway on behalf of five countries, covering the UN Reforms as well as other aspects of UN Women's work, including workplace relations and reference to the upcoming Commission on the Status of Women.

We have noted your concern about addressing the issues raised in the MOPAN report as well as those arising from the audit report. All of these will be followed up accordingly. We also welcomed and appreciated the various presentations; the questions that were raised on our work in Iraq can only further enhance it, and the presentation on the Independent Evaluation and Internal Audit Services also was most welcome. The contribution of the members is noted.

We appreciate all those who reiterated their commitment to our major task of attracting resources to UN Women. We have noted Germany's big announcement that it will double its core contribution in 2019 to 8 million Euros, as well as the reminder of Canada's multi-year Multi-Partner Trust Fund of 26 million Canadian Dollars.

All of the issues that you raised where UN Women needs to improve are taken very seriously and we are looking forward to reporting back to you.

Thank you.